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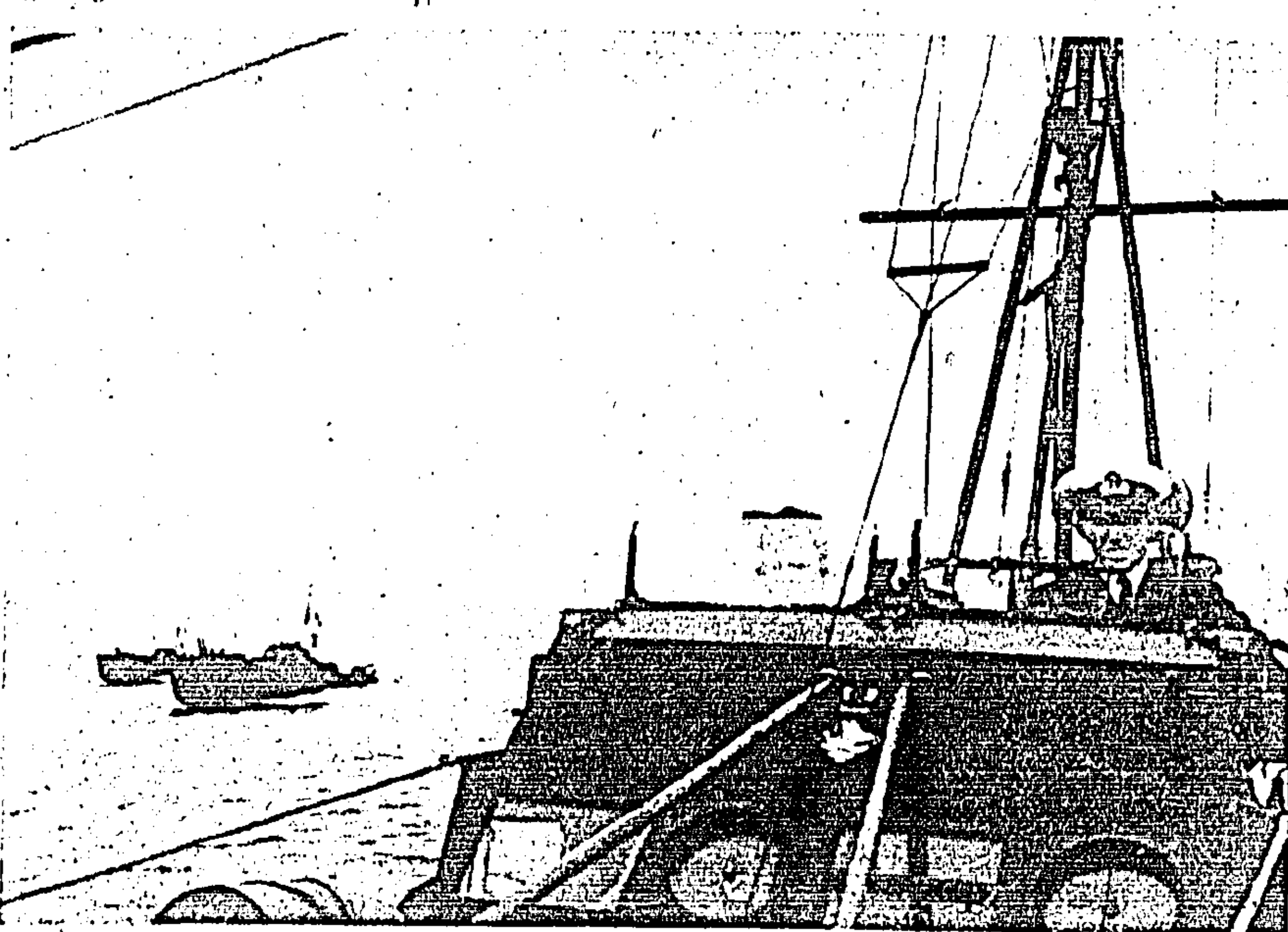
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## HONGKONG PREPARED

ANOTHER photograph in the exclusive series on Hongkong's defences, specially taken by Norman Seong.

Photograph shows a group of Motor Torpedo Boats at manoeuvres in Hongkong. Each boat is an independent fighting unit.



**VIBORG COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY RED GUNS AND PLANES**

## Finns Admit Withdrawal From Koivisto Islands

### THREE TIMES ATTACKED

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The British trawler, Persian Empire, which came back to port yesterday morning, suffered no less than three attacks from Nazi planes.

The first attack took place as far back as January 12 when Nazi planes tried to bomb and machine-gun the ship.

Last Thursday, it was attacked once more and again on Saturday.

On this last occasion, three R.A.F. fighters came up and the Nazi plane disappeared so quickly that the trawler was unable to bring into action its new machine-gun.

## No Brass Bands Greet Arrival of Canadians

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A description of the landing of the first squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Sunday at a north-western coastal port was broadcast from Daventry yesterday by a BBC observer.

The most striking aspect of the landing, he said, was its simplicity.

There were no brass bands or cheering crowds.

It was not an occasion for eye-wash, it was an actual incident in war time and an important one.

A complete squadron, trained and equipped on active service, was landing according to pre-arranged plans.

It was a grey misty morning and the ship was close on shore when it was first sighted.

As soon as the men disembarked they were "fallen-in." As they did so they kept on bursting out into song which those on shore could hear as the ship came into view.

A song, written by one of the squadron's own officers, is entitled "We've

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**HELSINGFORS, FEB. 26 (DOMEI).—THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISLANDS OFF KOIVISTO IN THE GULF OF FINLAND HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY FINNISH FORCES IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING SOVIET PRESSURE.**

These islands form the western end of the Mannerheim Line and their loss is believed to be a serious blow to the Finnish defences.

### REDS PRESS ATTACKS

**HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—An official Finnish communique issued yesterday announced that the Russians are still pressing their attacks on the western part of the Mannerheim Line.**

The communique announced that the Finns had abandoned forts on the Koivisto Islands.

Practically the whole of Viborg has now been destroyed and all but a few Army units have left the town.

More defence lines are being thrown up.

**Will Cost Heavily**  
A correspondent who has just left the town reports that it cannot be taken by the Russians without their suffering tremendous losses.

There will be more heavy Russian losses before they can get any further, he stated.

A Finnish High Command communique issued to-day also reports increased air activity.

### Finnish Planes in Action

Finnish planes have carried out reconnaissance and bombing flights over the Soviet rear lines and have taken part in a number of air battles. They brought down five planes for certain and there may be two others. The Soviets dropped some bombs on Hongko but without doing much damage.

### Berlin Denies Mediation

**STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that the idea of German mediation between Finland and Russia has brought forward a denial in Berlin, where it is officially stated that "from the beginning our attitude to the Finnish conflict has been that of a neutral observer. There has been no change**

## AD. SCHEER AT LARGE

**But Deutschland Has Had Enough**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Return of the pocket-battleship Deutschland to a German port leaves the Admiral Scheer as the only German surface craft operating outside German waters, naval circles revealed to-night.**

One-third of the German submarine fleet—believed by experts to be the best—has been

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## 55-45 Chance of Breaking Through To North Sea

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**WASHINGTON, FEB. 26 (UP).—LUDWELL DENNY, STAFF CORRESPONDENT FOR THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS, REPORTS THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM AMERICAN OBSERVERS IN EUROPE THAT HITLER INTENDS TO CONDUCT AN OFFENSIVE THROUGH HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.**

The Correspondent reports that the confidential information gathered in Europe indicates that Hitler has a 55-45 chance of getting through.

The reports, he states, partly explain Mr. Sumner Welles' mission to Europe.

President Roosevelt's advisers have told him that German bombers are doing fairly well, but not as well as Goering expected.

### MUST HAVE BASES

"Germany needs bases closer to England. These bases will have to be in Dutch or Belgian territory," the report states.

"Hence, it is the prediction of these American observers in Europe that Hitler will try to blast his way through the Low countries.

"Germany's strength is reported to have increased rather than diminished during the six months of warfare.

"Admitting that the British blockade of Germany is slow in taking hold and is simply a long-range weapon at the best, these experts abroad think that many years will be required to starve Germany out of food and military supplies."

### CONFLICTING RUMOURS

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**BERLIN, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Despite persistent reports that warfare on land, sea and in the air will intensify with the advent of spring, well-informed Nazi quarters point out that there are no indications that Hitler will modify his "tactics of localisation," either in diplomatic or military affairs.**

It is believed that Hitler's strategy is designed to confine concentration of troops on the Western Front.

Germany's policy towards the Balkans and northern Europe aims at preventing supply routes from being disturbed by the Allies.

Involvement of any of these countries in the war would deal a grave blow to Germany owing to its effect on her trade.

The Allies, on the other hand, are concentrating all the diplomatic activity on swinging the neutrals away from the Nazis.

Tangible signs of Allied activity are already shown in the concentration of large armed forces in Syria and the Near East, under the command of General Weygand.

### Mediterranean Bottled

Allied naval forces are reported to be in complete control of the situation at both ends of the Mediterranean.

The delicate relations existing between the Soviet Union and Italy is also cause for perturbation in Germany.

**LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Lord Tweedsmuir's ashes have been taken to the little village of Elfield, north of Oxford, where he had made his home for many years.**



## ROOSEVELT TO RUN FOR THIRD TERM

### Reported to Be Ready to Break With Tradition

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The United States may now be said to be prepared for a break with the tradition that a President should never serve for a third term of office.**

Most papers and political commentators now agree that President Roosevelt will probably run again, and if he does, no Republican candidate in sight is likely to stop him.

Already a number of prominent Democrats have started a movement in favour of the candidature of President Roosevelt, who has now allowed his name to be entered in the Illinois presidential primary, which will be regarded as a test of his present popularity.

### Office Expires Next Year

Washington gossip-writers assert that the President has decided to run, but he will probably not announce his decision until the Democratic Convention is actually in session.

President Roosevelt's term of office expires on January 20, 1941. The presidential election will be held in November this year.

It is generally agreed that it will be fought more on foreign than domestic policies, and even if elected the Republicans are hardly likely to change the present foreign policy.

### LATEST

## SOLDIER DIES AFTER COLLAPSE

**WITHIN HALF an hour of the discovery of his body just outside the Y.M.C.A. in Salisbury Road by a Chinese constable last night, Private Cruickshanks, of the Royal Scots Regiment, was dead.**

Cruickshanks was found lying on the road in a semi-unconscious condition. He was removed to the Police Pler, where he completely collapsed.

An ambulance was summoned and Cruickshanks was removed to the Kowloon Hospital. He died as he arrived there.

It is believed that he was suffering from an internal haemorrhage. There were no external marks of violence on his body.

## Bitter Japanese Attack On Sir Victor Sassoon

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Domei).—The prediction that the Japanese People will soon turn against their Army because of the impending economic collapse and the "belief that much is supposed to go to the Army is sticking to the fingers of the Army's higher-ups," assertedly made at New York on February 24 by Sir Victor Sassoon, the well-known British financier in China has been vigorously assailed by the Japanese Embassy spokesman.**

The spokesman described Sir Victor's statements as a "grave slander not only against the Japanese Army but also against the Japanese people."

Japanese military and naval spokesmen associated themselves with this attack, which, the spokesman remarked, was based upon the assumption that Mr. Sassoon had not been misquoted.

### Jews in Shanghai

The report quoting Sir Victor has caused "painful surprise" among Shanghai's Japanese community and officials, the spokesman said. "In their eyes Sir Victor is a member of the Jewish Race," he added.

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### INWARD MAILS

Bangkok and Tourane ..... Feb. 27.  
Egypt ..... Feb. 27.  
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th January) ..... Feb. 27.  
Haliphong ..... Feb. 27.  
Manila ..... Feb. 27.  
Shanghai ..... Feb. 27.  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th January) ..... Feb. 27.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February ..... Feb. 28.  
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February ..... Feb. 28.  
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon ..... Feb. 28.  
Saigon ..... Feb. 28.  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Feb. 28.  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Feb. 28.  
Manila ..... Feb. 28.  
Shanghai ..... Feb. 28.  
U.S.A., and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.) ..... Feb. 28.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Straits and Calcutta ..... Feb. 27.  
Parcels ..... Feb. 27, 11 a.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, Noon.  
Haliphong ..... Feb. 27, 1 p.m.  
Fort Bayard, and Heliow ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples 24th March.

### G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 4.45 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Shanghai 5.00 p.m.  
Saigon ..... 6.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th March.

### K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, 7 p.m.  
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 4th March.

### K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 27, 7 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver ..... (Parcels for Canada only) ..... due Vancouver B.C., 10th March.

### G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Reg. ..... Feb. 28, 9.15 a.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 28, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March.

### G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 28, 8.30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 28.  
Amoy and Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 7th March.

### K. P. O.

Reg. ..... Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.  
G. P. O.  
Reg. ..... Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. ..... Feb. 28, 7.00 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 29.  
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 13th March.

### K.P.O.

Reg. ..... 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. ..... 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... 10.30 p.m.  
Fort Bayard ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Haliphong ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

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Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

## Busy Day For The King

Presents Awards, Tours  
Naval Yard

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen stood on the quayside at an East Coast port to-day and talked with five men who were rescued from Almark.

Looking little worse for their experience, the men laughed and joked about their imprisonment. His Majesty the King also visited a dockyard in the east of Scotland and decorated eight more naval heroes including Commander L. A. K. Boswell who received the D.S.O. and Lieutenant Commander D. L. Sammeres who was given the Distinguished Service Cross.

For Gallantry  
Details of the deeds done by the recipients of these honours were not announced but each award was given for gallantry. Wearing the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, His Majesty the King afterwards boarded a warship and inspected an establishment where 500 ap-

## MOST VOTERS PREFER CHAMBERLAIN TO CHURCHILL AS PREMIER

THE latest Gallup survey shows that Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership commands the approval of 64 per cent. of the British voting public.

But Mr. Churchill, as political head of the Service which has borne the brunt of the fighting during four months of war, has been much in the limelight, and in some quarters he has been heralded as likeliest successor to Mr. Chamberlain, if and when Mr. Chamberlain chooses to relinquish his office.

To test public feeling on the comparative standing of the two men, the British Institute of Public Opinion, in a Gallup survey completed on December 20, put this question to a representative sample of British voters:

"If you had the choice between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Churchill, which would you have as Prime Minister?"

And the public voted:

Chamberlain. Churchill. Don't Know.  
52% 30% 18%

It is instructive to compare the results of the companion questions. Reducing the figures to percentages of those who expressed an opinion, analysis shows that:

67% approve of Mr. Chamberlain as Prime Minister.

## GALLUP SURVEY

63% prefer Mr. Chamberlain as Prime Minister to Mr. Churchill.  
33% disapprove of Mr. Chamberlain as Prime Minister.

37% prefer Mr. Churchill as Prime Minister to Mr. Chamberlain.

The breakdown of the returns on the question of choice between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Churchill shows that Mr. Chamberlain's support is strongest among women, elderly people and those in the higher income group.

Mr. Churchill's standing is highest among those in the lower income group, those aged between 21 and 30, and among men.

In only one of the opinion groups is the vote for Mr. Churchill greater than that for Mr. Chamberlain. That is among those who supported the Opposition at the last General Election. In this group, 41 per cent. chose Mr. Churchill, and 32 per cent. Mr. Chamberlain; but as many as 27 per cent. were doubtful.

The British Institute of Public Opinion is an entirely independent fact-finding organisation which samples the views of the public by personal interviews with a carefully balanced cross-section of the whole population, representative of all shades of public opinion.

## FILM STAR IN WAR ZONE

Robert Montgomery's  
"Two Ton" Coat

PARIS. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, first Hollywood screen star to brave the war zone, has reached Paris—en route for London—in a "two ton" fur coat.

"I slept in it for two nights," he said. "It is only racoon, you know. I grew these skins on my own farm."

"They said when I left for Europe, 'Take the racoon coat,' I said: 'You're crazy.' But they were right. But for the coat I might have perished in Spain—of cold."

First Visit in 5 Years

"I have not seen Paris for five years. Yes, it's Paris, but mother! How dark it is. Not black dark like London when I left—just dark."

He said that for two days crossing Spain in the train after leaving the Transatlantic airplane American Clipper he had had to act as interpreter for the whole train.

"Nobody seemed to speak anything except me, and I speak only a little French," he said. "When ever we stopped the women said: 'Montgomery will explain.'"

Montgomery is returning to England to play in the Lord Peter Wimsey film he had to leave off at the beginning of the war.

Then he is looking forward to playing the lead part of Niemoller in a German submarine film.

"That should be good too—Allies stuff," said Montgomery. "As long as they let it be a plain story telling itself. The trouble is that the word 'propaganda' just stinks in America just now."

"Like all the Americans I know, I am pro-French and pro-British. But America doesn't want propaganda insidiously pumped into it. It just wants the plain facts."

## 'Pocket U-Boats' Speed-Up

PARIS. CONSTRUCTION of German "pocket U-boats" is to be intensified by order of Hitler, according to reports reaching French naval quarters.

These submarines are of 150 to 200 tons, with crews of only 15 men. They would have a reduced range of action, and would have to return to their bases after four or five days.

Consequently they would only be used in the North Sea.

Opposition  
Some German Admiralty experts are said to have opposed the scheme, pointing out that it would mean no solution of the essential problem of keeping sufficient trained U-boat specialists.

They argue that 30 submarines of a normal size, with normal crews of 45 to 50, would be more effective than 100 "pocket U-boats."

In both cases the number of men required would be roughly the same, but big submarines could do much more damage to British and French shipping.

These objections were, however, over-ruled by Hitler, who was dazzled by the prospect of a multitude of small submarines, which the sponsors of the scheme held out to him.

He also visited the training station for the Fleet Air Arm where he inspected a parade of Air Force officers and men, naval officers, and the Women's Royal Naval Service.

## Premier's Purple Plus Fours

WHEN Mr. Chamberlain took a 100-mile look at the British war zone in France recently there were many quips about his missing umbrella.

He set a fashion note by bearing a purplish suit of plus fours and canvas puttees like those worn with the soldiers' battle dress.

As he got out of his car at one stage, a man of a labour battalion saw the puttees and cried out: "Blimey! Old Chamberlain's got the troops' anchorage on."

WITH PURPLISH PLUS FOURS THE PREMIER WORE A MACKINTOSH AND CHECK SCARF.

Some one asked one of the officers accompanying him: "Why don't you wrap your guest up better in weather like this?" (It was the coldest day the B.E.F. had experienced.)

The officer replied: "It may look like that from the outside, but the Prime Minister is wrapped up well enough, believe me."

## Whipsnade Helping To Win

The Zoo has become a farmer in deed earnest.

Parts of Whipsnade, the country Zoo, are being used to produce food for man and beast.

Of Whipsnade's 4,000 acres, nearly half are "undeveloped" and are yet converted into homes for wild animals and birds.

In this undeveloped portion 20 acres have been ploughed up for the production of wheat at the Government's request.

Another 15 acres are being used to grow food for the Zoo's animals at Whipsnade and London.

In addition, the Zoo is going in extensively for chicken-farming and egg-production, both for food for the customers in the Zoo's restaurant.

At least half a dozen of the Whipsnade staff have practical agricultural experience and they are carrying on the work under Mr. Puddle, the head gardener.

There are plenty of rabbits at Whipsnade and between September and February, the Zoo hopes to obtain a large number as food for birds of prey, owls and small cats.

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## SUICIDE FOR LOVE OF GIRL

LONDON.—Wanted on a charge of attempted murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, the parents of the girl he hoped to wed, Ifor Williams, of Caernarvonshire, was found hanging from a tree in the Welsh mountains.

The girl's parents were not against the match but wished the girl to wait a little while before making up her mind, and this seemed to have depressed Williams, who said he might as well be dead as live without her.

He clutched the girl's parents and vanished and was found after an extensive search by the police.

## From Maginot Line To Witness Box

A SOLDIER came from the Maginot Line to give evidence at Manchester Assizes about a lorry which caught fire seven times on a journey from Manchester to Moffat in Scotland.

"I suppose you find this a nice change," said Mr. Justice Stable, and the soldier, John Berry, replied, amid laughter: "I am not too happy here."

"One can only envy Mr. Berry the comparatively quiet seclusion of the Western Front as contrasted with his other adventures," said the judge.

Messrs. Nathan Fine, carrying on business as a transport clearing house, successfully claimed £2,010 from partners in a haulage business for the loss of a load of chemicals destroyed when the lorry, driven by Berry, caught fire in December, 1935.

A Melancholy Story

Giving judgment Mr. Justice Stable said the case had had a long and melancholy history. One of the parties had died, one of the counsel had taken sick, one of the defendants had been interned, one of the principal witnesses had been brought from the Maginot Line and the writ had been issued in July, 1936.

The only bright spot in the story was that the fire had provided welcome entertainment for some school-children.

CHARITY CONCERT

A Charity Concert is being held on Thursday at 9 p.m. by the St. John's Hall Music Club to raise funds for the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

The Governor and Lady Northcote will attend. Tickets at \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1 are obtainable from Tsang Fook Co.

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## NAZI FAITH JOLTED

WHILE the Nazi authorities pin Russian labels to Rumanian deliveries in order to deceive the German people, technical experts admit the inadequacy of the Russian railways, over which Hitler hopes to get food and raw materials for his war machine.

The German trade newspaper Bergwerks-Zeitung, basing its conclusions on a report by the German Institute of Trade Research, says many of Russia's railways were built for strategic purposes and are mostly single tracks. This reduces their economic usefulness.

In times of stress, such as the harvest season, they have often proved inadequate.

There have been frequent breakdowns and delays.

By 1932, it is claimed, Russia will have 60,000 miles of railway. But this will be only 17 per cent. more than in 1932, and two-thirds of the total length will still be single-track.

The railways are concentrated chiefly in the west. But even in the most developed area near Moscow and in the Ukraine the system is only one-quarter dense as in the whole of Germany.

The newspaper admits that in railway construction and organisation Russia has still a long way to go.

And from Cernauli, Rumanian town near the former Polish frontier (now in Russia) came news last night of friction between Germany and Russia over their railway links.

Germany, relying on the line from Cernauli across Russian Poland to carry her Rumanian imports of oil and wheat is accusing Russia of sabotaging her transport.

A Nazi commission of investigation points to two instances.

They say that at the end of last week a trainload of cattle feed and cellulose, bound for Germany from Russia, had spent over three weeks hidden away in a siding near Lvov.

Several trainloads of timber were unloaded by Russians at the frontier and left for many days because Soviet officials refused to allow it to travel across their line in Rumanian trucks and no German trucks were available.



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# VIGIL IN THE CITY of the DEAD

I VISITED Strasbourg while I was at the front. It is a city of death.

Of its population of 200,000 only such municipal employees remain as are necessary for its essential services and the police, the customs

officers and a certain number of soldiers who are there to guard the city and keep it swept and garnished.

On the day I was there, for a wonder the sun shone brightly; it was high noon, but you had the sinister feeling of a city at dead of night. It was like a city in a fairy tale where everyone who dwelt there was wrapped in a magic sleep.

Here and there, in a house or a flat, a window has remained unshuttered and you cannot resist the notion that someone is living behind that closed window, closed because there is a nip in the air, and that at any moment a face will appear behind it; but you know that not a soul is there.

These hundreds and hundreds of houses, street after street, lane after lane, are empty.



by SOMERSET MAUGHAM

safety and the wind blew bitter through the aisle. The lovely pulpit with its delicate carving had been boarded up. All was cold and grim and bare. It had already the look of the wreck of a church.

THE city is waiting for destruction. Of that cathedral, which in the middle ages was considered one of the marvels of

1.—"All Quiet on the Western Front," says the communiques, but this photograph was taken only three weeks ago. When it really starts—

2.—This is what happens to a city. Photograph on left was taken at Ypres in the last war.



Most of the shops have their shutters up, but some had none to put up, and in these the goods for sale remain in display. Women's underwear, silk stockings, hats; they have a strange, forlorn look. At a pastry cook's little cakes, sweets, and what not lie mouldering in the window.



THERE was no time to put anything away when the evacuation took place. Things had to be left just as they were while the owners huddled a few clothes into a bag, such household linen as they could carry, and fled.

They had to leave their cats behind and now, fed by the soldiers, they wander disconsolate and mew. The pigeons are fed too, flocks of them, and they gather round hungrily when a man comes along with a great hunk of bread and crumpling it up throws the pieces into the fluttering crowd.

The Cathedral was rose-red against the pale blue of the wintry sky and here men in khaki were still busy making a protection for the central porch. The stained glass of the windows has been removed to a place of

the world, it may be that not one stone will stand upon another.

And as if to call my attention to this dreadful possibility, presently high up I saw half a dozen planes. They were allied planes and were, I was told, hunting a Messerschmitt that had been signalled. I watched them till they were lost in a cloud and walked on.

Then, on a sudden, the sinister note of the siren broke, the unearthly silence that wraps the city like a shroud; it rang through the stillness with a merciless intensity, echoing through those empty streets so that it seemed to assail you from every direction; and though I had heard it more than once before it had in that deserted city an ominous horror. Two or three men started running, and following them, I found myself at the police station.

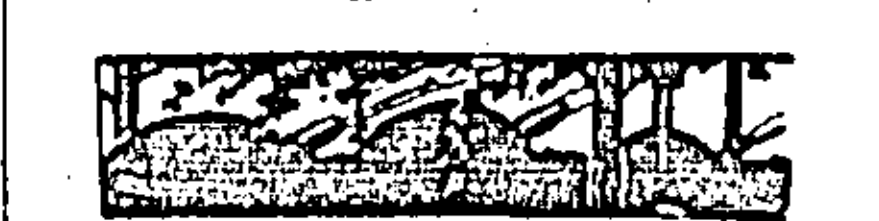
There were perhaps a dozen of us, policemen, employees of the municipality and three or four soldiers. They were impatient and exasperated, but skilful. One friendly stranger told me that a German plane came over the city twice a day at such regular hours that they had called it after the popular French papers, "Paris-Midi" and "Paris-Sol". I lunched with the Mayor, a large heavy man with an open friendly face, who spoke French with an Alsatian accent. He loves his city and he looks forward to what he fears will be its inevitable ruin with anguish. He remains there with his wife to take care of it until with courage awaits the catastrophe which may at any moment befall.

Trying to reassure him, I suggested that the Germans were unlikely to bomb what they still regarded as a German city. "They shelled it in 1870," he answered. "They ran excursion trains from towns on the other side of the Rhine so that sight-seers might see Strasbourg burn." But even though the city is as yet spared the ravages of war its future fills him with misgiving. He reminded me that this was the

third time in seventy years that its economic life had been disturbed by war. Many of the manufacturers have removed to places where they could set up their factories in safety and unless peace brought them security for the future they would never return.

"It is a dead city," he said. "No," I answered, "only sleeping."

He sighed. "That is what I hope, but it is a sleep from which the awakening will be bitter."



A little while later I visited the districts in the Charente to which the refugees from Alsace and Lorraine have been evacuated.

The department which I visited is a poor one, it has 300,000 inhabitants and 35,000 refugees from the Moselle have been distributed among its towns and villages, but its habits and its standards of life are very different from those to which the people of more prosperous Lorraine have been accustomed. It was not easy for the authorities to find lodging for this great number of persons. There were plenty of

empty cottages, but they were dilapidated. The refugees set to with a will to make them habitable. Now you could eat off the floor.

The refugees have to sleep on straw mattresses, sometimes on the floor, sometimes on deal trestles that they have made themselves. The authorities are providing wooden beds as fast as they can, but there is a shortage of wood, and it takes time to provide beds in wartime for such numbers. There is still a lot of overcrowding.

But for all these inconveniences, these real hardships, life still goes on. The general health is good. The children, blue-eyed with apple-red cheeks, are neat and clean. Though there are no books for their lessons, they go to school, bringing wood with them in the morning to heat the room, and the nuns teach them as best they can in the circumstances. They are bright, nice-mannered children, and for them indeed the whole thing is rather a lark.

It is wonderful with what spirit these people, snatched away from comfortable homes, bear their lot. I went to see some stables standing in the grounds of a chateau;

there were six stalls and in each was a straw mattress on the ground, without sheets, and in each stall two persons slept. A tiny room at the side, I suppose the old harness room, was their living room. There was an open fireplace with a pot boiling over two sticks.



I asked a woman whether there was anyone at the chateau. "No," she said, "the proprietors only come down in the summer."

A smile broke on her healthy face. "It would be nice if they let us sleep in the servant's rooms," she said. "To sleep in a stable—well Our Saviour was born in one." A woman with a sense of humour.

Work is gradually being secured for the refugees on the land or in factories with adequate wages. The unemployed receive from the State ten francs a day for each adult and six francs for each child under thirteen. They have large families, and two or three families often pool their resources, so that their meals are good and copious.

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Pink Harris tweed illuminated with bands of bold bugles and metal floss embroidery makes an interesting evening wrap. The casual character of the coat in pastel tweed coupled with glittering embroidery is new. It is worn over a black net frock, embroidered in pink sequins.

## Fashionable Furs

SILVER fox, which has been a popular vogue for several seasons, still holds its own both as a tie, or as a cape, it continues in favour.

Among the new styles this season is the silver fox cape designed with furclings running down instead of round. The effect is to provide an attractive frame for the face, for although the capes are collarless, the fur nestles high on the shoulders. For evening wear, capes of white foxskin dyed blue have found acceptance.

Copper-tinted silver fox ties and capes are featured in fur displays. Only the top hairs of the silver fox are copper-tinted, and the silver sheen shines through. These are quite distinct in hue from natural red fox. The colouring is rich and has a delightful autumnal touch. The copper-tinted silver foxskins made their appearance a few months ago.

In fur coats, the requirement today is for a medium-priced garment which, elegant in appearance, is practical and warm—a coat, in fact, which can be worn equally well in country or town.

There is a preference for coats which hang straight down, though some are shaped. The new blended musquash with the narrow stripes and the bronze seal, which is both hard-wearing and smart, have considerable appeal. For evening wear dyed ermine is still in demand.

Dyed Canadian squirrel skins worked in the same manner as dyed ermine have been much in favour for coats. Persian lamb is similarly in demand when worked into smart three-quarter coats, usually with a small collar.

While both dyed and flank musquash have a prominent place in the displays there is a considerable vogue for beaver lamb because it wears well, is not too bulky, and is both warm and smart.

The beaver lamb coats have the full swing back, and the accentuated square shoulders.

Ocelot coats which in peace-time were mainly associated with sporting occasions, are now worn by many who are now obliged to live in the country. Some of the ocelot coats may be seen with beaver facings.

For visibility, white beaver lamb, which is hard-wearing, is a choice. It is warm and has a neat "teddy bear" appearance.

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# "Socks Sister Susie!"

said the R. A. F.—and they could do nicely with some gloves, too

2ND article telling knitters exactly what the men in the services really need.

GETTING into an airfield these days, even with an official pass, is an exciting business.

But before well inside, a visitor had asked two of the men and the orderly sent as a guard, just what the R.A.F. most needed in the way of comforts. "Long socks," said the orderly. And when she got to the young adjutant in his sanatorium he smiled. "Well," he said, "you'd better see the equipment officer . . . but I think the men want long socks."

So it was hardly a surprise when Flight-Lieutenant Mackintosh presented a typewritten list of the requirements of his men to see that it was headed by

420 PAIRS OF LONG SOCKS

These can be any colour. For they are required solely but urgently to wear under the gum-boots that are a necessity for all ground staff, and for airmen too around the base. They must be long enough to come right up to the knees and double down for extra warmth and as a protection to the trousers from friction with the boots. They all wear them, especially in France, so if your man is R.A.F.—long socks!

And they can all do with gloves—long wristed, but designed to wear under not over, the sleeves of their jackets.

That should keep you knitting this week, anyway.

## SHORT CUTS

Don't cut freshly made cake until it cools—unless you do not mind if it is unattractive.

If you have made your frosting a bit too soft and the layer cake is inclined to slip off unevenly, run a few toothpicks through the layers to hold them in place until the icing hardens.

## Some Butter-Saving Hints

DON'T waste butter by allowing it to stick to the wrapping paper. To make sure it all comes off, put it under the cold tap before you unwrap it. Use the greasy paper for wrapping cake tins or wrapping sandwiches.

In cold weather when you have to melt butter, only use as much as you require at the moment and never absent-mindedly leave it in the oven to go to oil.

A good way of making butter spread easily is to mix it with milk in the proportion of a pound to a pint. Put the butter in a basin, warm the milk and pour it over, then cream them well together with a spoon.

Another way is to mix together equal parts of butter and margarine. Warm them slightly, cream them well together, shape and put into a cool place.

### Use Dripping

Make good use of any dripping you can get from your meat. Good dripping can be substituted for butter in making pastry, especially if it is to be used for savoury pies, and it will also make you a good family cake. Spread on wholemeal bread with plenty of salt and a touch of Worcester sauce, dripping is delicious. Bacon fat is useful for frying when the bacon flavour is no objection, as in the case of sausages and chops.

If you are in the habit of adding a few dabs of butter to a milk pudding, put a spoonful of finely chopped suet in the pudding instead. This gives extra nutriment and makes it delightfully creamy.

To take the place of butter, other foods which contain fats and oils should be eaten freely. Nuts have plenty of fat in them, and though most fruits contain none there is a little in bananas, grapes, dates, and raisins.

### A Valuable Fat

Olive oil is a valuable fat that could be used more than it is in this country. You may not like the idea of using it much for cooking, but a steak grilled in olive oil is really good. Sardines tinned in oil we take as a matter of course, though most of us throw away the surplus oil. However, it could easily be used for frying.

## Here's How To Knit Them

### LONG SOCKS

MEASUREMENTS: Length to heel 21 inches, foot 11 inches.

MATERIALS: 7ozs. 3-ply Air Force blue wheeling wool, four No. 10 knitting needles, point at both ends.

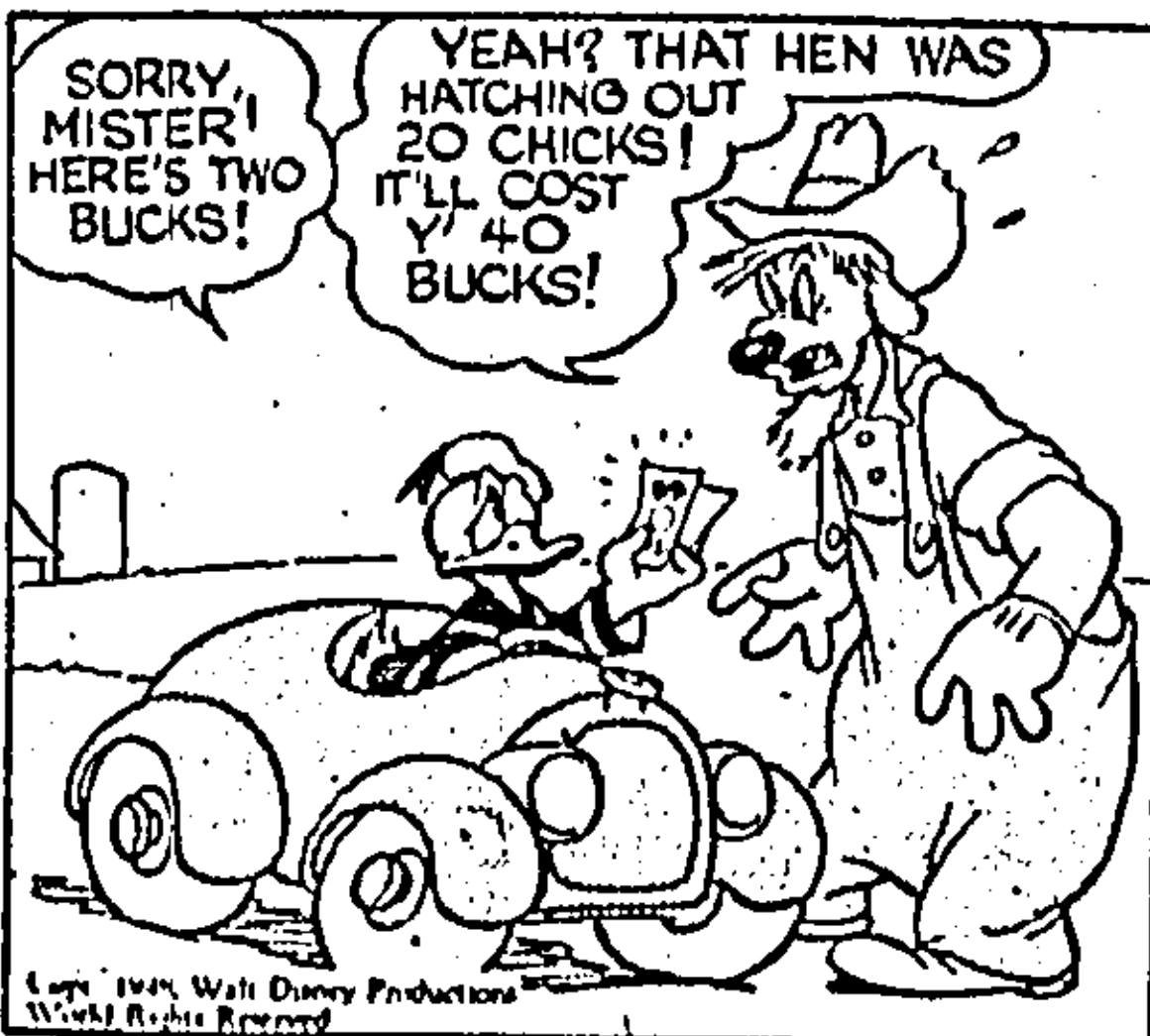
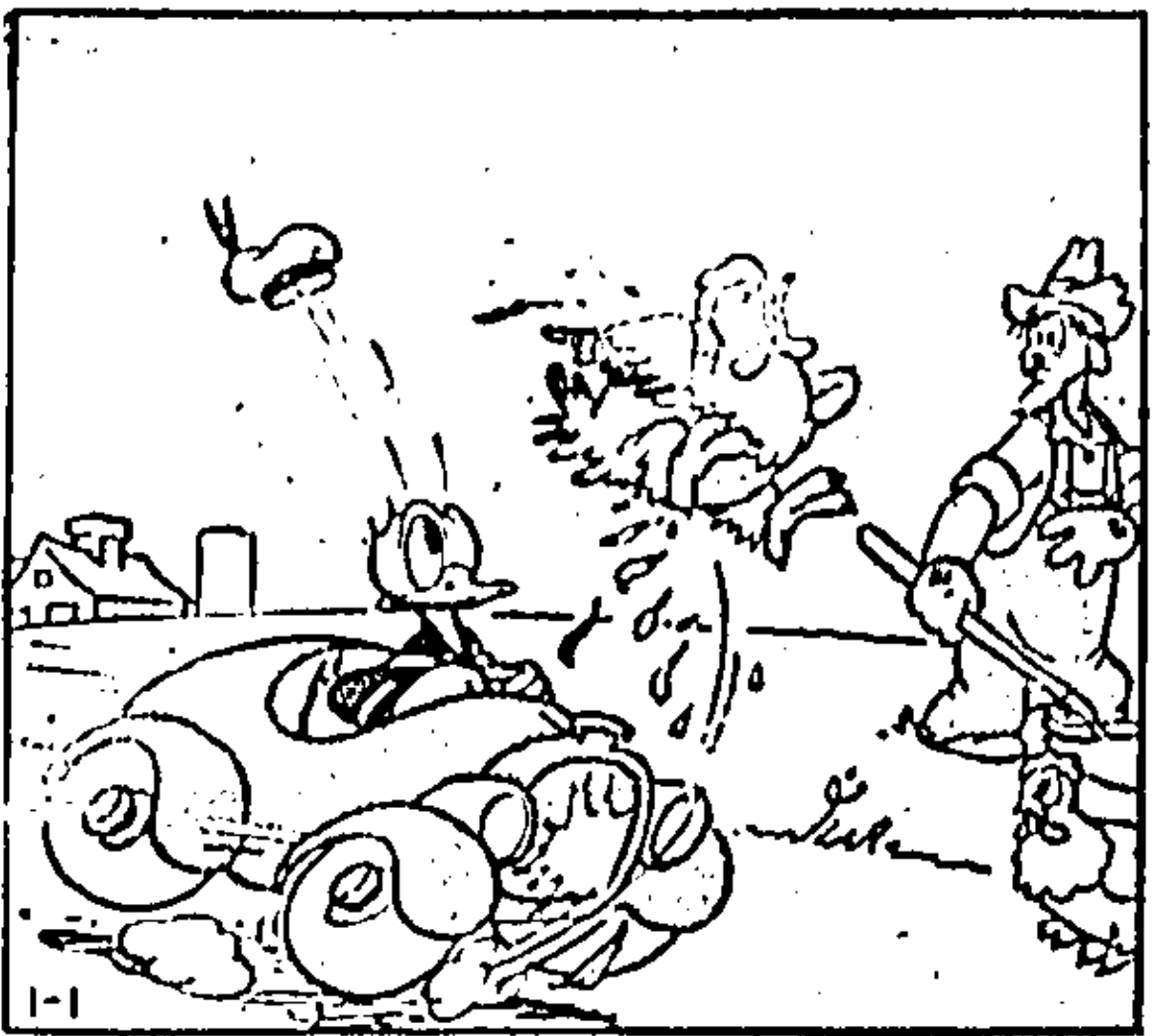
ABBREVIATIONS: K, knit; p, purl; tog, together; rep, repeat.

USING four No. 10 needles, point at both ends. Cast on 60 sts, join k 2, p 2 for 32 rounds. Change to k 3, p 1, work 18 rounds.

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1890.  
In an interview with M. Pasteur, he was asked whether he considered "grippe" (influenza) was caused by bacteria. The Professor smiled audaciously and shrugged his shoulders, but said nothing in being asked what he considered the best remedy for the malady, he remarked: "Let men and women both quit smoking tobacco and smoke camphor instead, and they will probably escape the pest."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1915.  
Writing in the "Public Ledger" (Philadelphia), John S. Steele says:  
Will England be able eventually to starve Germany out? Probably the result of the war depends on the answer to this question as much and even more than on the leadership and the fighting qualities of the opposed armies. It is quite conceivable that from a military point of view the war might end in a deadlock, and that both Germany and the Allies might be forced to an inconclusive peace because neither could defeat the other. If, however, England, with her command of the sea, can deprive Germany of her supplies of food and raw material, Germany will be forced to accept the Allies' terms or face economic ruin.

The London steamer Deptford was blown up off Scarborough yesterday and sank in twenty minutes. (By a curious coincidence the new Deptford, which was launched for the same owners in 1931 and was named after the 1915 victim, was sunk by a Nazi mine last month.—Ed.)

### 10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1930.  
The Hongkong Derby was won by the favourite, Diana Bay, in record time. The race was one of the most thrilling in recent years. Mr. Dunbar's pony, finishing past the post three lengths in front of Mr. Chinn-Tinsley's Wisdom Stag with Peppermint third, two and a half lengths away.

The time recorded was 3 minutes 7 seconds, which beat the previous best for the distance by two-fifths of a second.

(A new record was established this year by Mr. Miller's Salinight which won the race in 2:50.4.—Ed.)

British surrender of the lease of Weihaiwei and the rendition of the island to the Chinese Government is not yet definitely settled, but Dr. C. T. Wang's recent announcement on the subject seems accurate and there can be little doubt that a final agreement will shortly be reached.

It is revealed to-day that the horsepower of the Rolls Royce engine in the Supermarine S4, which won the Schneider Trophy and also the world speed record last September, is 1,900. That power is enormous for so small a machine.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1935.  
A communique has been issued by the Italian Government and addressed to Adde Ababa, capital of Abyssinia, which has so far been the theatre of the threat of war from the direction of Rome, explaining that as a result of the new Fascist laws in Italy the country is capable of placing 8,000,000 men in the field.

Abyssinia, denying any mobilisation on her part, relies upon the League of Nations to keep the peace in Africa, and insists that the border dispute should be settled by arbitration.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office, commenting on criticisms from abroad concerning Japan's attempt to better her relations with China, categorically denied that Japan was attempting forcibly to persuade China to resign from the League of Nations, expel her foreign advisers and join a movement to form an East Asia bloc.

"When we hear reports of proposals abroad to mobilise the signatories of the Nine Power Pact on the grounds that Japan is violating the treaty and also hampering the Open Port agreement we cannot but suspect that the critics are actually desirous of disturbing the peace of East Asia," the spokesman declared.

He said East Asia was tranquil and Japan's relations with China were gradually and steadily improving.

## LEGACY FOR CHAMPAGNE TOAST

LONDON, Jan. 11.  
Members and meetings of the "Reunion des Gastronomes" of the "Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, London, are the subject of legacies in the will of Mr. James A. Stanley of Jersey, Channel Islands.  
His bequests include £10 each to the President of the Reunion for the purchase of Le Forrester champagne with which to drink the customary silent toast; the superintendent usually in charge of the monthly supper arrangements and the clerk who usually deals with the Reunion's mail. Mr. Stanley was formerly President of the Reunion.

## "BALLOON NAVY" MEN FIGHT IN BARGES



Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd, Chief of the Balloon Command, inspecting men of the "Balloon Navy" on the "Mother Ship."

## FASHION KINGS SMILE AGAIN

PARIS.  
WHILE the poilus have been holding the Maginot Line, the fashion kings holding the Waist Line back in Paris have been fighting a secret battle on their own.

## CALLING UP BOYS—AS POSTMEN

ANTWERP.  
THOUSANDS of members of the Hitler Youth organisation, aged from 10 to 14, have been employed by the German postal authorities as assistant postmen during the Christmas period.

They will be called in again to help deal with the New Year rush.

The boys carrying out their duties in the Hitler Youth uniform of brown shirts and shorts, wearing a special blue armband.

The most popular job has been delivering parcels, for even in present-day Germany the recipient of a Christmas parcel rarely fails to tip the postman.

Many parents are none too happy about the business, despite the extra pocket money which their boys get.

They doubt whether this sort of work during the all-too-short Christmas holiday is good for such youngsters.

Of course, the older boys also spend much of their holiday in pre-military training and work for the Party.

## HEROINE OF ATHENIA JAILED

WHEN the liner Athenia was torpedoed in the Atlantic one of the heroines was Marion Campbell, a stewardess.

At Glasgow recently she was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for fraud.

She said she was due to receive £200 from the Government and as a result was given permission by a woman to use her accounts to get articles at warehouses. She got goods valued at £207.

Miss Campbell's solicitor said she had a terrifying experience on the Athenia.

He had three letters from the commander of the ship, who spoke highly of what she had done.

Now, after months of worry, they are smiling more confidently again.

Last September a perfect barrage of disasters seemed to descend on them.

Transport difficulties held up both deliveries of textiles and despatch of finished products, workshops were commandeered, staffs depleted by mobilisation; expenditure was officially frowned on.

### Britain's Aid

Worst of all, given their good friends the British seemed unable to offer any comfort. Britain was too busy shipping men to France to think of shipping gowns from France.

Fashion designers, designers, sales organisers and show staffs closed their thinking rinds, and set to work to organise victory.

Before long they were shaking each other's hands. Britain had not deserted them after all.

Authorities in London had listened to the Rue du Paix. Cloth and clothing imports from France were to be allowed up to 60 per cent of the amount of December, 1938.

Luxury articles such as silk stockings, shoes and gloves were included in the concession.

Better news soon followed. The British Board of Trade announced that, with the advent of 1940, more concessions would be allowed.

Paris is hoping that the new quota of their fashion imports will be at least 75 per cent.

## Flower Show Plans

Entries for the Hongkong Horticultural Society's flower and vegetable show on March 5 and 6, are on a par with last year when a record was almost established. The quality of exhibits should be good because of the fine weather and absence of fog and destructive conditions on the Peak.

The distribution of prizes will be held on March 5 at 5.30 p.m. On March 5, the show will be open from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Government has again consented to throw open Government House grounds on both days for inspection by ticket holders.

A new feature of this year's show will be the inclusion of commercial exhibits, chiefly vegetables. No rules have yet been formulated regarding them. Next year it is expected florists will be included.

Commercial exhibits include those of the New Territories Agricultural Society, Kerner Seed Co., Sunny Farm and Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre.

## 'NICE WOMAN,' BUT SHE KILLED TWO MEN

MRS. MARTHA RUTH JACOBY, aged 59, who gassed herself in a room in Newington Butts, S.E., killed two men in nine years.

This can now be revealed following an inquest at Southwark on Walter Bishop, aged 48, with whom she had been living.

It was stated that when Bishop returned home under the influence of drink, Mrs. Jacoby struck him on the head with a hatchet.

He died a few minutes later.

### MURDER

Afterwards Mrs. Jacoby gassed herself. A verdict that she murdered Bishop and then committed suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed was recorded.

Private R. Bishop, son of the dead man, said Mrs. Jacoby was "a nice sort of woman, but she had a bad temper and jealous disposition."

Nine years ago Mrs. Jacoby was convicted of the manslaughter of another man with whom she had been living in Camberwell.

She was originally charged with murder, and at the trial it was stated that she struck the man on the head with a hammer in a fit of jealousy.

### Rescued

She then tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Thames, but was rescued by a police constable.

Subsequently she was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Her husband was present at the inquest.

He bears a scar inflicted by her 20 years ago.

## Boxer's Wife Seeks Divorce

### MRS. JOHNNY KING

Ms. Wynna King, wife of Johnny King, British bantam-weight boxing champion, has filed a petition for divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. King met at a dance in Manchester, and were married in February 1933. Their only child, Marlene, aged four, was knocked down outside her home at Fallowfield, Manchester, last May, and died a few days later.

## Bulletins Broadcast To Nazi Trenches

BRITAIN and France have started a loud-speaker offensive on the Western Front. The most powerful loud-speakers yet made have been placed at short intervals all along the front.

And through them, Allied officials are broadcasting every night news and comments on the war, and world events, to the German troops in the trenches between the Rhine and the Moselle, and in the forts along the German side of the Rhine.

A special "loud-speaker" army have been formed to do this. At first one or two loud-speakers were placed here and there along the front to see what the effect would be.

Several months ago the Germans tried loud-speakers on the French front-line troops, and then gave it up when their broadcasts were greeted with derisive laughter and a few shells.

### Trick To Listen

But the effect of the Allied loud-speakers on the Germans has proved to be something very different.

The Allied officials waited until dusk, until the front was practically calm, and then put over a record giving the real news of the day, what world opinion thought of Germany, reaction to Hitler's speeches, facts about the strength of the Allied armies, and about the war effort of Britain and France.

French military advance posts could see that the German soldiers did their best to listen to the broadcast. They were obviously keen to hear it, and the terrifically loud voice echoing across no-man's land obviously made a big impression on them.

But the second night, when the loudspeaker was switched on again, French observers saw German officers hurry forward and order the men to return.

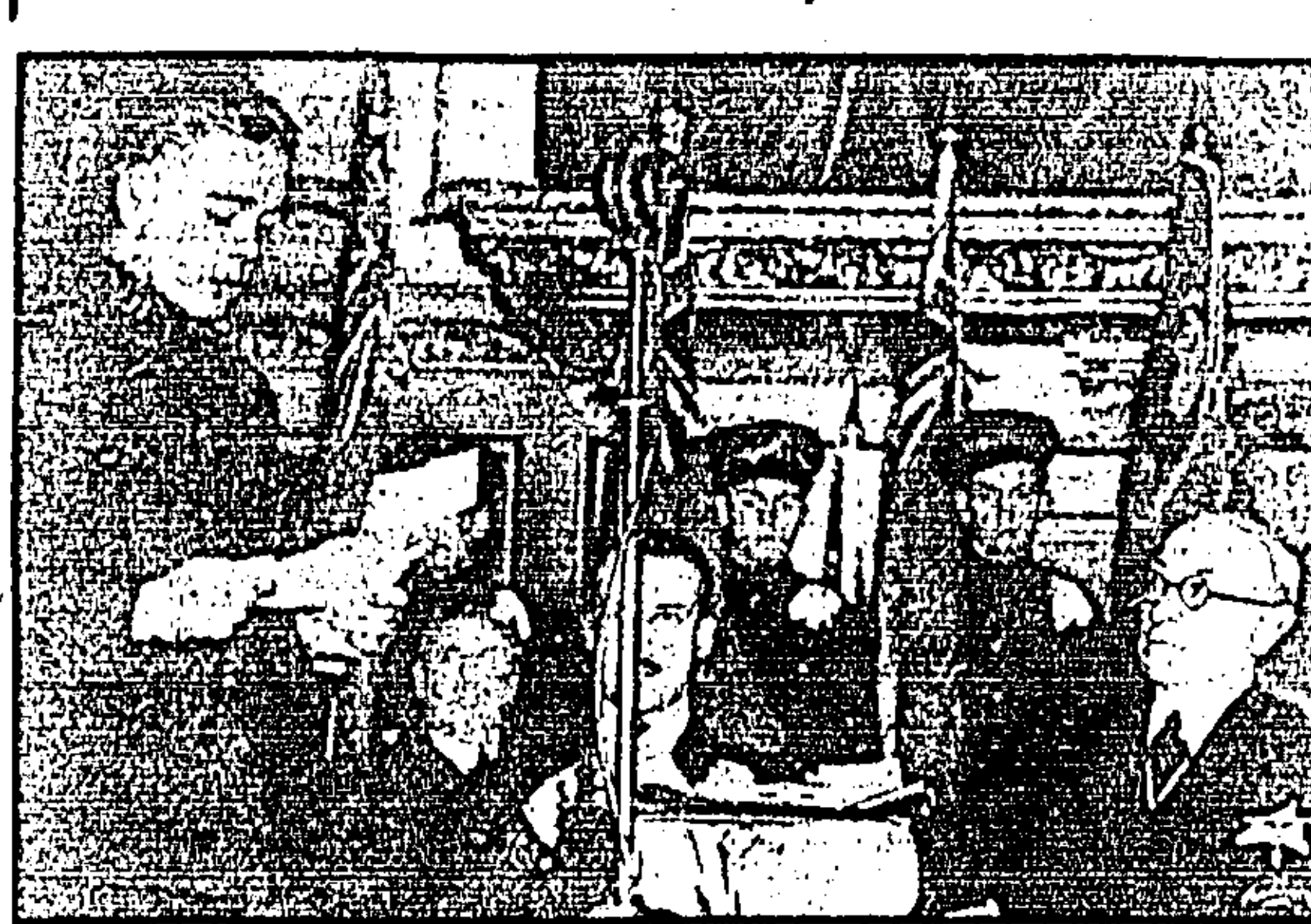
According to official reports some of the officers used physical force to compel their men to withdraw.

On the third night the Germans opened fire on the position where they believed the loud-speaker was situated. Allied high command, in view of the success of this loud-speaker "bombardment," intend to go on with it.

## Posting to Poland?

Letter and parcel post services have been restored in England to the part of Poland occupied by Soviet Forces and to the Vilna region.

## HE SPOKE FOR 10,000 BOYS



MESSANGER BOY No. 117 making a speech in London on behalf of himself (Bob Harcombe, aged 16) and Jo and James (West African natives), Sim Cheng Choo (Singapore house boy), Drapah (Indian clerk), and 9,995 other employees of Cable and Wireless, Ltd. The 10,000 had all subscribed to the presentation of the insignia of the K.C.M.G. bestowed upon Sir Edward Wilshaw, chairman of the company, in the last Honours List.

## 600 men cry "Down with GERMANS"

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Billy Cotton and His Band in Dance Music.  
2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music and Variety.—Moon Love, White and Variety.—Local Stock Quotations.  
7.02 Billy Mayerl—"Four Aces" Suite.—Rita da Costa (Piano).  
7.15 Studio.—A talk on The Auxiliary Nursing Service by Mrs. Peters.

7.22 Cinema Organ Solos by Queen Maclan.

7.30 London Relay.—The News.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Roger Quilter.  
8.30 Film Selections.—"King of the Kings"—Selection, Felix Mendelssohn and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection, Louis Levy and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.  
8.43 Dance Music by Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.  
9.15 London Relay.—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay.—"Cards on the Table".  
9.45 Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin.—Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23; Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38.

10.03 Some Schubert Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano), Near the Beloved, Op. 5, No. 2; Laughing and Weeping, Op. 50, No. 4; Night and Dreams, Op. 45, No. 2; Hoppliness.  
10.13 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in G Major.—The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.  
11.00 Close Down.

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THE Germans may meet with a new form of food blockade if France decides to alter her war-time hunting regulations and re-allow the shooting of game.

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### Loan Or Taxes?

HAD NOT the Hongkong Govern-  
ment financed Loan Works such as  
the Jubilee Reservoir, the Kai  
Tak Airport and the Central Market  
from the Colony's Excess of Assets  
over Liabilities (pending reimburse-  
ment from two Loans which are to  
be floated at some nebulous date in  
the future), it would have been a  
comparatively simple matter to have  
made a substantial initial contribu-  
tion to the Empire's war effort  
without having recourse to new taxa-  
tion.

Since, however, the Colony's  
visible Treasury balance has been re-  
duced from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000  
by advances pending reimbursement,  
any donation from this source is out  
of the question.

Nevertheless, there seems no valid  
reason why the vexed question of  
the Colony's contribution to the  
Imperial War Chest should not be  
answered by the less painful and  
completely voluntary method of War  
Loans rather than by direct taxation.

This method was used by Hong-  
kong in the Great War and obviated  
the necessity for additional taxation  
until July 1, 1917—three years after  
the outbreak of hostilities—when a  
special War Rate of seven per cent.  
was levied on Property for a period  
of two years.

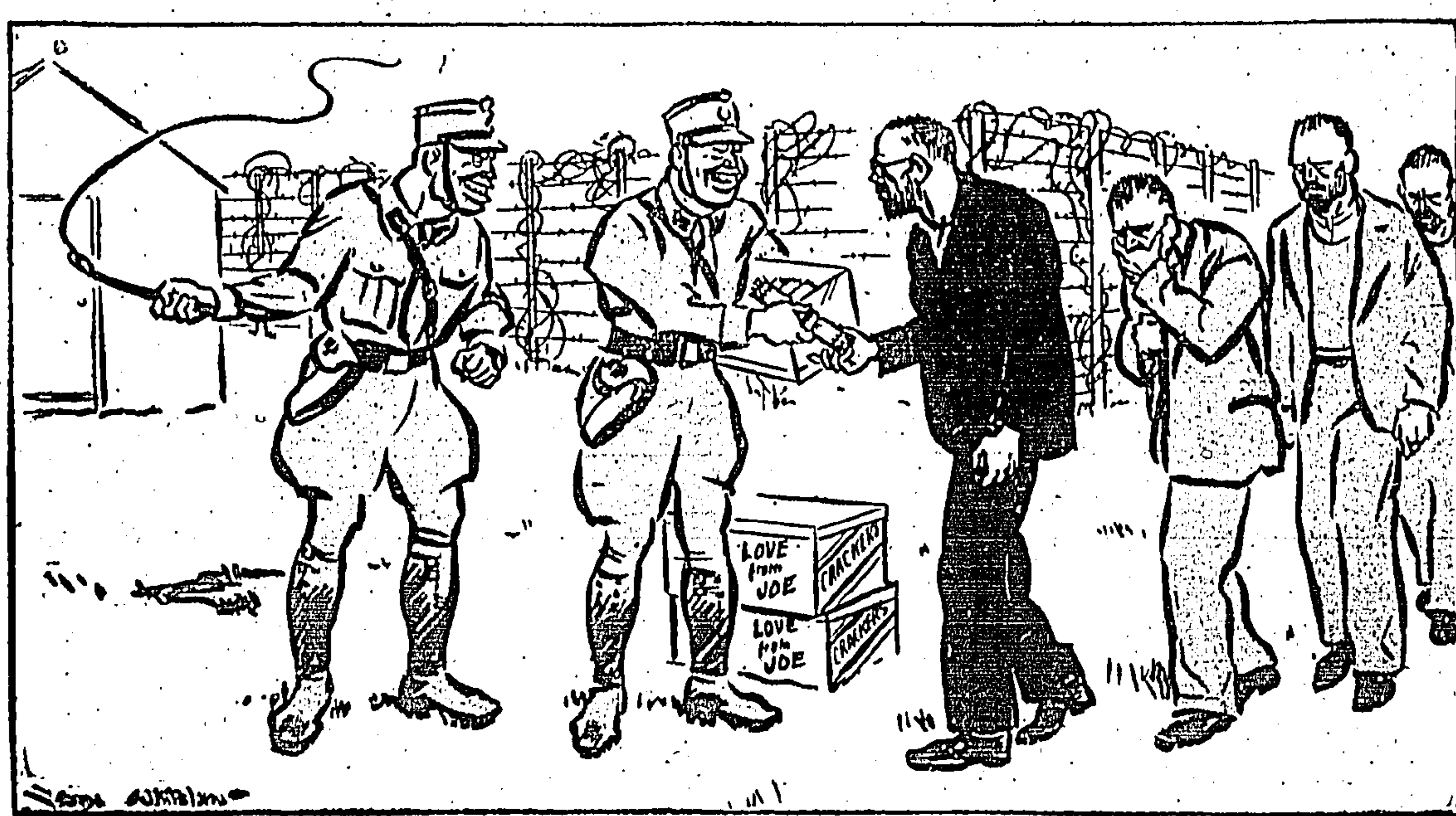
The 1916 Hongkong War Loan was  
quickly over-subscribed and—again  
without recourse to extra taxation—  
was repaid within a decade or so of  
the Armistice.

To-day, as regards Public Debt,  
Hongkong is one of the most fortun-  
ate countries in the world. The  
Colony's Public Debt on December 1  
last stood at less than \$10,000,000  
by our annual income of \$10,000,000  
(£1,000,000), or roughly two-fifths  
of our annual income. Of the  
British Colonies which obtain ap-  
proximately the same revenue,  
Uganda has a Public Debt of  
£2,236,000, Mauritius of £3,000,000  
and British Guiana of £4,857,000.  
Many parts of the Empire in receipt  
of less revenue have higher Public  
Debts. Among Revenue Public Debt

Revenue Public Debt	Revenue Public Debt
Jersey .....	£14,000,000
Guernsey .....	1,400,000
Fiji Islands .....	799,000
Jamaica .....	2,000,000
Newfoundland .....	20,000,000
Tanganyika .....	3,000,000
Kenya .....	3,000,000
Debits of other Colonies are:	
Ceylon .....	£13,000,000
Straits Settlements .....	12,000,000
F.M.S. .....	11,500,000
Gold Coast .....	11,435,000
Nigeria .....	24,765,000

It has been argued that the people  
of this Colony should make great  
sacrifices in order to prove their  
loyalty to the cause for which the  
Empire is fighting. But we weren't  
accused of disloyalty when we did  
not follow the lead of the Mother-  
land in the 1914-18 War. In fact,  
the people of this Colony, in addi-  
tion to over-subscribing the local  
War Loan of \$3,000,000, in the last  
War, invested in British War Loans  
the amazing total of £6,000,000  
which, at current rates of exchange,  
is approximately \$110,000,000. This  
amount, it should be emphasised,  
was voluntarily subscribed at the  
rate of £1,075,000 per annum for  
four years—double the amount which  
Government proposes to raise to-day  
through extra taxation, and more  
than the entire Government revenue  
of each of those years.

The Colony's voluntary effort  
in the last war did not end with  
this extraordinary financial contribu-  
tion. We raised £41,000 for



(Dr. Joseph Goebbels has announced that there must be more optimism and joy in Germany.)

Typical German Scene: Distributing crackers in a concentration camp.

# Questions for the Premier

by FRANCIS WILLIAMS

WHAT are the Peace  
Aims of the British  
Government? Mr.  
Chamberlain objects  
when asked to define them.

To do so, he said in the House  
of Commons would be futile and  
dangerous. Dangerous to whom,  
I wonder?

He considers that a determina-  
tion to defeat Hitlerism, combined  
with vague aspirations towards a  
"Utopian Europe" after the war,  
is all that a nation engaged upon a  
struggle which may prove the  
greatest in its history needs to sus-  
tain it.

He considers that such aspira-  
tions—the rosy bubbles of Sun-  
day evening eloquence—are in  
themselves sufficient to entitle us  
to the sympathy and confidence of  
the great neutrals and of the  
German people.

I do not agree.  
The defeat of Hitlerism is, of  
course, vital. But as I said last  
week, it is not a Peace Aim. It is a  
War Aim. If we do not achieve it  
then we need not worry ourselves  
about the future of Europe. It  
will be a Nazi Europe.

But if we succeed, as we must  
succeed, what then?

The last war cost the nations of  
the world some seven million lives  
and at least seventy thousand  
million pounds in money. This  
war may cost no less before it is  
finished.

It is a big price to pledge in ad-  
vance for Mr. Chamberlain's  
castle in the sky, of which we must  
not even ask to see the plans.

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain talking in vague generalities  
about a new Europe with a new  
spirit? There were plenty of fine

moral speeches during the last war.  
And look at the result.

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain telling us that the new  
Europe will come into being gradu-  
ally over many years? If the his-  
tory of the world has any lesson, it  
is that what is good does not simply  
triumph of its own goodness.

Those who wish to alter the  
world for the better must think  
hard and work hard. They must  
know what they are prepared to  
sacrifice and what price they are  
ready to pay.

Says Mr. Chamberlain, it does  
not need a war to bring the idea  
of a better world into men's minds.

Well, Mr. Chamberlain has been  
either head, or an influential mem-  
ber, of the Government of this  
country for the past eight years.  
What sort of a new world has he  
tried to make in that time? What  
sort of a world has he in fact  
assisted in making?

Why should he consider that on  
his word alone or on that of any  
member of his Government, the  
people of Britain, the people of the  
neutral countries, the people of  
Germany, shall rest assured that  
after the war there will be estab-  
lished "a new Europe in which the  
nations will approach their diffi-  
culties with good will and toler-  
ance?"

That is too big an assumption to  
accept on the mere word of any  
man in the world.

It comes from that same stock-  
pile of complacency and wishful  
self-delusion out of which came

the watery soup of appeasement,  
the sawdust banquet of "peace in  
our time."

Good will and tolerance and a  
new order of international society  
will not spring unbidden from the  
soil of war.

It is, of course, true that Britain  
will not alone have the making of  
the peace after the war. It is, of  
course, true that no one can yet  
foresee what shape the new fron-  
tiers of Europe will take.

But the durability of the peace  
will not depend solely on frontiers.

It will depend in no small mea-  
sure upon the economic stability  
of the post-war world—upon the  
avoidance of such another econo-  
mic crisis as has previously always  
followed war.

If there had been no economic  
crisis in 1931, we should, I firmly  
believe, have been at peace to-day.  
It was not the Versailles Treaty  
which made Hitler master of Ger-  
many. It was the economic de-  
pression.

The Versailles Treaty—or rather  
certain clauses of the treaty—gave  
him his first inspiration and pro-  
vided him with the raw material  
of his first propaganda. But econo-  
mic depression was the recruiting  
sergeant which brought him to  
power.

If the present war leaves behind  
it the same legacy of economic dis-  
organisation and financial chaos  
we shall see the same destruction  
of fine ideals; the same emergence  
of dark and barbaric forces; the  
same world-wide impoverishment.

What have Mr. Chamberlain and  
his colleagues in mind to prevent  
this happening? What sacrifice  
of economic privilege are they pre-  
pared to contemplate? What pool-  
ing of world resources, what con-  
trol of finance are they ready to  
accept?

Mr. Chamberlain declares that  
the British colonial system is al-  
ready operated as an international  
trusteeship. Has he so soon for-  
gotten the Ottawa Agreement  
which reduced the proportion of  
German goods entering British  
markets duty free from 80 per cent.  
to 4.5 per cent, and gave to that  
country and to Japan, which was  
even more hardly hit, a new excuse  
for aggression?

I remember writing, as that  
agreement was signed, that the  
effect of the policy of Imperial  
Preference in increasing economic  
inequality among nations and  
strengthening the forces making  
for war, could not easily be exag-  
gerated.

I do not, in the light of events,  
feel that I have anything to with-  
draw.

Are we going to make the same  
mistakes again? Or are we going  
to fight this war with a practical  
ideal in front of us? And are we  
prepared to tell the world what our  
contribution to the new world  
order will be?

Of course we cannot draw up in  
advance the terms of a Peace  
Treaty whose date and circum-  
stances we cannot know. Of course  
we cannot assume that our ideas  
will alone prevail when the peace  
conference is held, for whatever  
the terms of peace, they must be  
negotiated, not dictated.

But there are certain things we  
can do. I ask Mr. Chamberlain if  
he will do them now. Will  
he, as an evidence of sincerity, give  
these three guarantees?

(1) Will he announce that  
after the war Britain will give  
full democratic freedom to  
India and to any of our  
Colonial dependencies ready  
for it, the decision, in case of  
dispute, to rest not with  
Britain, but with an Inter-  
national Court?

(2) Will he announce his  
Government's readiness to  
place the whole of our non-  
self-governing possessions  
under international mandate  
to be administered under inter-  
national supervision for the  
common good as a free trade  
area with none but strictly  
revenue tariffs?

(3) Will he guarantee that  
Britain will not accept any in-  
crease of territory as a conse-  
quence of the war and will not  
demand, as we did last time,  
financial reparations from the  
defeated enemy?

These undertakings will not  
solve the world's post-war prob-  
lems—much more of planning  
and effort will be needed than that.  
But they will do something to  
help. And they will give to the  
people of Britain, to the people  
of the neutral countries, to the people  
of Germany, an assurance of sin-  
cerity that no smooth promise of a  
vague Utopia can offer.

If you mean what you say, Mr.  
Chamberlain, give these guaran-  
tees now. If you will not give them,  
then tell the people why not, so  
that they can judge you.

## Lindbergh Out Of Air Job

WASHINGTON.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh has re-  
signed his membership of the National  
Advisory Committee on Aeronautics,  
not because of any immediate break  
with the Administration but owing to  
cumulative causes.

He has realised for months that he  
was out of tune with the Government.  
This manifested itself first publicly  
when he openly opposed the Presi-  
dent's plan to repeal the arms em-  
bargo and lent himself to the Isola-  
tionists' cause while the Senate was  
debating the issue.

He has also been under attack in  
many quarters for his close relation-  
ship with the Nazi regime and for  
receiving a decoration from Hitler.  
Finally he incurred further hos-  
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## Continuance Of Trade Pact Programme

Strongly Urged By Mr. Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The resolution for continuing the United States present trade pact programme for three years from June 12, which was approved by the House of Representatives on Friday, will be considered by the Senate this week.

The resolution is expected to receive a majority of at least eight in the Senate.

Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing the Senate Finance Committee, declared that the continuance of the trade programme was necessary to help to establish sound world conditions after the war.

Future Dark, Unless—

"Unless we continue to maintain our position of leadership in the promotion of liberal trade policies and urge upon others the need for adopting such policies as a basis for post-war economic reconstruction, the future will be dark indeed," he said.

"At the termination of hostilities, there will be an unprecedented need for world-wide and for vastly increased production of useful goods of every kind. Only if this vital need is met can our country and all the other countries hope for full employment and higher living standards," he concluded.

Washington is jubilant at the resolution of approval made by the House of Representatives.

## British Pilot Decorated

"Magnificent Courage"

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The distinguished Flying Officer, Andrew Douglas Farquhar, of the Auxiliary Air Force in recognition of gallantry displayed against the enemy.

The Air Ministry states that "Farquhar led his squadron with magnificent dash and courage on several occasions, and during the time while on patrol brought down an enemy plane by shooting so accurately that only a small amount of ammunition was expended."

## COMMON GROUND IN DENIALS

Newspaper's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Commenting on the speeches made by Mr. Chamberlain and Hitler, the "Washington Post" finds "some common ground" in Hitler's denial that he seeks world domination and Mr. Chamberlain's denial that the Allies seek to encompass the destruction of Germany and adds that "Mr. Chamberlain holds out to Germany a pledge of co-operation."

"It will be Mr. Sumner Welles' mission to find out if this common ground is real or whether the only alternative is to fight to the bitter end," concludes the paper.

## Mr. Welles Off To See Hitler

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Berlin on Tuesday night. He saw Signor Mussolini at Venezia Palace late this afternoon.

Hour's Talk With Duce

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles' talk with Signor Mussolini lasted about an hour. Immediately afterwards, Mr. Welles returned to his hotel and declined to make a statement.

Lively Italian Interest

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Italian indifference to Mr. Sumner Welles' visit suddenly gave way to an atmosphere of lively interest after he had seen Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano.

Immediately after Mr. Welles had seen Count Ciano in the morning, the Italian Foreign Minister hurried to the Palazzo Venezia and spent half an hour, laying the gist of the talk before the Duce.

## BOMBAY STRIKE AVERTED

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The strike has been averted by an appeal by the Governor of Bombay to employers and workers who agreed to submit the dispute to arbitration.

## Roosevelt Continues Southern Tour

PANAMA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is returning to Balboa on Tuesday morning. Two destroyers will escort the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

President Boyd of Panama will accompany President Roosevelt through the Canal to Cristobal, after which the President will proceed direct to Pensacola.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—General MacArthur, Commander of the Canadian Troops, has taken over the administration of the entire Aldershot Command for the next six days while General Broad is on leave.

## SPEECHES COMPARED

Hitler's Tap-Room Diatribe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The contrast between the speeches of Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain was the subject of comment in the newspapers of the world to-day.

In London the papers expressed warm approval of Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Several of them, including the "Times" and the "Manchester Guardian," quoted in their leading articles those passages of Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he set out the Allied peace aims.

The Labour paper, "Daily Herald," also stressed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that under the present German Government there could be no security for the future.

Countries Must Be Freed

All would welcome a peace based on negotiations, but negotiations must be with German rulers who can guarantee their honesty by freeing the countries which they have invaded.

This reference to the Poles and Czechs is also stressed in other papers both at home and abroad.

Commenting on Hitler's diatribe, the "Daily Express" comments on Hitler's move to the left and contrasts this with what he wrote in "Mein Kampf," in which he hoped to fight Russia with British approval, posing as the enemy of Bolshevism.

Now he is fighting England with Russian support, so he poses as the enemy of capitalism.

No Originality

His speech contained nothing but what was displayed no originality.

It was a tap-room speech.

Typical of American comment is that of the "New York Herald Tribune," which says that Mr. Chamberlain did not propound peace plans, but had put forward a modest basis for the kind of peace which could be obtained if, for instance, the German Army overthrew the Nazis and offered to make a reasonable settlement.

Contrast this with Hitler's ruthless and inhumane diatribe, says the paper. One has only to put the two speeches together to realise where lie the better conditions for Europe and the world.

## Mystery Radio Station

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Post-Office engineers believe that the "new British Broadcasting Company" from which anti-British propaganda was heard on Sunday night is a low power station operating somewhere in "a distant part of the Continent."

Muddled Views

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A few radio listeners in Britain heard on Sunday a pathetic attempt to promote or provoke feeling against the British Government.

A radio station calling itself the new British Broadcasting Station with announcements in English came on the air but gave no indication of where it was located.

The announcer spoke as one brought to another and talked at some length about the British war aims.

His commentary was chiefly notable for the muddled views displayed.

The broadcast ended with the National Anthem.

A similar broadcast by a station purporting to be a French station has also been heard.

## TWO STEAMERS TORPEDOED

HENDAYE, France, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It has been confirmed that the Spanish steamer Banderus, which was reported on February 21 to have been destroyed by an explosion, was torpedoed by a U-boat.

British Ship Lost

GLASGOW, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The 4,900 steamer Loch Maddy was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 22. Four lives were lost and 35 survivors were picked up by a warship which was believed to have sunk the U-boat.

Swedish Vessel Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that the 3,400 ton Swedish steamer Santos has been sunk in the northern region of the North Sea.

Thirty people were aboard including a number of passengers.

Up to the present it is reported that 12 have been saved.

## S. Rhodesia's War Contribution

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A communique on the recent conversations between the United Kingdom and the Minister of Defence for Southern Rhodesia was issued by the Dominions Office yesterday.

An agreement was reached, says the communique, on the financial aspects of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia during the war and arrangements were made to use the ground air force of Southern Rhodesia to the best possible advantage.

## Hongkong Aid For Finns

The total donations to the "Friends of Finland Fund" have now reached \$10,975.

A further £200 was remitted by telegraphic transfer on Saturday, making a total contribution from Hongkong of £205.

## WESTERN FRONT NAZIS READY FOR ATTACKS?

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 26

(Reuter).—Great German activity on the right bank of the Moselle is reported by the correspondent of the "Obermosel Zeitung" from Remich.

He declares that trains were never so numerous and long.

Columns of lorries, infantry, and cavalry are visible, while munition and supply columns are reported to be moving day and night.

The Echternach correspondent of the same paper reports with all reserve that Marshal Goerring and four Generals halted on Saturday at Echternach bridge, which leads across the Sauer River from Germany into Luxembourg.

## Tin Market Buoyant

High Prices Attained In Forward Buying

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

Following the International Tin Committee's decision to fix the quota for the second quarter at 80 per cent., business was transacted in forward tin up to £254 among office dealings, representing a rise of 27½ on the official closing.

While some sections of the market have discussed for some time a cut between 30 and 40 per cent., the decision came as a surprise to the majority of tin merchants and such reduction in the quota had not been discounted in the trading.

Market circles agree that under the new quota, production approximates the current consumption, but leaves no margin for possible contingencies.

U.K. Stocks Comfortable

At the same time, it is not overlooked that the United Kingdom stock position is now comfortable, as evidenced by the readiness of the authorities to grant export licences more freely.

Some are of the opinion that the Committee's decision may have been influenced by possible representations on the Netherlands' interests for a higher price in view of the 14 per cent. decline in the value of sterling since the war.

The opinion is held that any such claim would undoubtedly be supported by the British in view of the importance of tin as a source of foreign exchange.

## NO BRASS BANDS GREET ARRIVAL OF CANADIANS

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got a lovely war to win." A recording of the men singing this song was broadcast by the BBC as the observer commented, "It's got lots of kick in it."

Although there were one or two short speeches the occasion was not a formal one. It was just a case of showing that Britain was really glad to welcome the Canadian airmen and that their coming meant a great deal to all.

The men have come from all over the Dominion, from Victoria, B.C., and from West Halifax in the east.

Just Disappeared

Most of them are members of the Auxiliary Air Force who in peacetime are lumber jacks, shop assistants and so on.

The average age of the men is 22 although some of them have medals and ribbons from the last war.

Interviewed by the BBC observer, a Canadian officer said that they did not get a rousing send-off from Canada. They just disappeared. No one knew they were leaving until they had gone.

After the French section of the squadron had "fallen-in" and had sung that popular song of the last war, "Madelon," they entrained and were off for their camp, disappearing again as they had disappeared from Canada.

## BITTER JAPANESE ATTACK ON SIR VICTOR SASSOON

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"The Japanese authorities have given serious consideration to the Jewish question and has extended facilities for the settlement of Jewish emigrants in Shanghai."

"Over 10,000 Jews have been residing in peace and security in the Japanese defence sector in Shanghai because of this considerate attitude of the Japanese authorities, which is based upon humanitarian grounds."

"It is regrettable that such a prominent member of the Jewish Race should have demonstrated such a lack of appreciation for the Japanese attitude."

The Japanese authorities have even restricted the influx of Japanese civilians into Shanghai because of the inevitable housing shortage such mass arrivals would precipitate, but have authorised, from a humanitarian standpoint, Jewish emigrants, to settle in the Japanese defence sector in large numbers."

## MOSLEMS' FATE

Safe With Britain But Imperilled By Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "Ahrma," in an article by Deputy Ahmed Mokhtar entitled "England and Islam," draws a striking comparison between the fate of Moslems under Britain and those under Nazis and Bolsheviks.

Deputy Mokhtar relates how, during a visit to India, he was pleased to observe that the Moslems enjoyed every religious and cultural liberty, "and not only in India but all parts of the British Empire."

Deputy Mokhtar goes on to describe the massacre and persecution of Moslems under the Bolsheviks, "who have oppressed their religion and beliefs and confiscated schools and mosques. Such is the life of Moslems under brutal Bolshevism."

Moslems' Present Peril

"Reading these, the human mind cannot imagine what Moslems might suffer if they fell under the Nazi regime. We have plenty of examples of the atrocities they commit against the conquered without any regard for sacred human rights."

"We have no doubt that all Moslem leaders appreciate the peril at the present moment and will find no way of escaping the threats of Bolshevism and Nazism and of exterminating them, except by co-operating with Britain and France until victory over the aggressors is obtained."

"Our interest is interest in world peace, which lies in the victory of Britain."

AD. SCHEER AT LARGE

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ports to be the maximum that can be operated on the high seas at any one time—continues to prow the waters of the North Sea and the Atlantic.

These U-boats and mines, thus far, have borne the main burden of Germany's thrust against Britain, and are responsible for the greater part of the Allied losses.

Aerial mine-laying is believed to have proved too costly and inefficient in comparison with the U-boats, which also plant mines. The German fleet, however, has had considerable success in its bombing operations.

Close Nazi Secret

The navy has made a close official secret the number of U-boats that Germany now has, how many she is building, and how many have been sunk. I asked authorized circles to-night if there was any announcement expected regarding submarine losses.

I see no reason to expect an announcement," he declared. Later he refused to answer whether his statement meant there had been no German losses.

Well-informed neutral sources believe Germany had about 71 submarines shortly after the beginning of the war, and is now turning out six to eight U-boats a month. By the end of this year, German production will reach a maximum rate of two boats every three days, which is 20 a month or 240 a year.

Men, Not Ships

(In London, British naval circles pointed out that losses of U-boats should not be measured in terms of numbers sunk, but in terms of crews that are lost. They pointed out it takes years of experience for naval officers to become proficient at handling submarines, while crews are always hand-picked and highly trained. They claimed it was easy to build submarines but extremely hard to build up good personnel.)

Neutral sources believe that about 20 German U-boats have been sunk. These same sources believe the British will have to double the present rate of sinking to keep ahead of German building. They recalled the British reached a maximum rate of eight to ten sinkings a month towards the end of the World War, and boasted a war-long average of 4½ monthly.

German submarine building on a mass production basis is believed to occupy about 70 of the 75 existing berths, while most remaining facilities are devoted to completing such ships as the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz.

240 U-Boats A Year

With each berth able to handle two or more U-boats, this means that about 160 building places are available. It is estimated that it takes about nine months to build each boat, which gives an average of 240 that can be built each year. Some delay occurred as a result of the freezing of canals during the past month, it is understood.

To facilitate mass production, the Germans are believed to be concentrating on the 250, 500 and 740-ton classes. Experts discount repeated rumours the Germans are building a swarm of midget U-boats since this would disrupt the present mass production equipment and boats smaller than 250 tons are imperilled by the North Sea storms and have only a limited range.

## New Stamp Will Symbolise Amity

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The issuing of an Anglo-French postage stamp later in the year as a symbol of Anglo-French unity is now being discussed between the British Postmaster General and the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

## Arming Our Trawlers

Tremendous Task Makes Progress

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—In the House Commons to-day, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said that the defensive arming of trawlers and coasting vessels in the North Sea was proceeding with all speed.

He said that the machine guns which were supplied to Finland were not so suitable for anti-aircraft defence as those now being fitted to trawlers and coasting steamers.

The problem of arming all ships, he said, was one of very great magnitude.

He assured the House that it was going on and was not being held up in any way by the fact that arms were being sent to Finland.

Working At Top-Speed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—British shipyards are filled up with orders, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said yesterday afternoon.

The speed of their output will be increased, he said, and new yards will be arranged.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary report issued yesterday says:

Business on a most extensive scale has been reported to-day and is easily the record for a long period. At the close of the day, the market was in evidence, though in some instances a slight easing off is noticeable. This latter feature, however, can probably be attributed to some profit taking, having regard to the fact that generally there has been a substantial rise in prices during the past few days.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,455  
Canton Ins. \$225  
Union Ins. \$480  
Fires Ins. \$100  
Wharves \$102  
Docks \$23.60  
Providents \$4.95  
Hotels \$5.34  
Lands \$395  
Humphreys \$77½  
Realities \$4½  
Tramways \$10.30  
Yaumati Ferries \$27½  
China Lights (Old) \$8½  
China Lights (New) \$5.00  
Electric \$68  
Macao \$21¼  
Sandalwood Lights \$11¼  
Telephones (New) \$11.60  
Cements \$19.80  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23¼  
Dairy Farms (New) \$22¼  
Watsons \$9.00

Sellers

H.K. Bank \$1,480  
H.K. Govt. \$5.95  
Telephones \$18½  
China Lights (Old) \$9  
Electric \$70  
Telephones (Old) \$32.10

Sales

Union Ins. \$485  
Docks \$23¼/24  
Providents \$5.35  
Hotels \$5.00/5.50  
Lands \$39/39½/40  
Realities \$5  
Tramways \$10.30/50/40  
Star Ferries \$68  
Yaumati Ferries \$28  
China Lights (Old) \$8.00  
Electric \$69½/69  
Macao \$21¼

Telephones (Old) \$31¼/32/31.80  
Telephones (New) \$11¼/11½  
Cements \$19¼/20/20.20  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23¼/23½  
Watsons \$9.00  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$100¼

FINNS ADMIT WITHDRAWAL FROM KOIVISTIS ISLANDS

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In that attitude. Events in Finland concern only Finland and Russia."

Finnish Withdrawals

HELSINKI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Following the abandonment of Koivisto Island fortress, it is reported that the Finns are preparing to evacuate the town of Sakkilampi, five miles inland opposite Viborg and across Viborg Bay.

This probably means only evacuation of civilians.

The town is exposed to direct bombardment now that Koivisto is in Soviet hands.

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## Rifle Shooting SUNDAY'S MEET ATTRACTS RECORD ENTRIES

Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, the last before the annual Bingley Meeting, which takes place from March 27 to April 1, inclusive, attracted the record attendance of 150 competitors.

Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the "A" Range was not available, considerable congestion was caused with only eight targets on the "B" Range, and consequently the original programme of 200, 500 and 600 yards had to be curtailed to the first two ranges only.

Keen interest was displayed in the programme, which was arranged by the 2nd Battalion the Royal Scots, who provided 12 silver Regimental spoons for competition. These were presented by Mrs. S. E. L. White, who was given three hearty cheers.

The Royal Naval Range Staff won the Open Rifle team match with 230 points, and were followed by the Hongkong Volunteers Defence Corps "B" team, who were runners-up with 223 points.

The Duckyard Rifle Club won the Aperture Sights team event with 257.3 points, while Royal Scots were runners-up with 257.16 points.

The pairs competition was won by C/Sgt. P. Hale and Cpl. R. Langford, of the Middlesex Regiment, who obtained 123 points out of a possible 140.

### REVOLVER SHOOT

Mr. W. A. Tansley again took the net spoon in the revolver shoot at 15 and 20 yards with 50 out of 60, while Lt. G. Dawson, of the Middlesex Regt., won the handicap spoon with 45.

A successful morning was spent in Clay Pigeon shooting, two competitions being fired. Lt. Bateman and Sgt. L. Macdonald, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, who have been unable to attend recently, made a re-appearance, the latter signalling his return by winning both competitions, thus securing two spoons.

In the Single Rifle event of 25 birds, Macdonald got 16, while he secured eight in the Double Rifle event.

Leading Scores on Sunday were as follows:

### OPEN SIGHTS

Comp.	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total
Sgt. R. J. Heap	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. A. J. Aquino	29	31	60 (N)
L/Sgt. (H) N. Pan	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. J. Herry	29	31	60 (N)
A/Capt. W. J. G. Smith	29	31	60 (N)
Mrs. S. Croft	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. J. D. Remedios	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. R. Baker	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. V. A. Da Cruz	29	31	60 (N)
Sequeira	29	31	60 (N)
L/Sgt. W. B. Nunn	29	31	60 (N)
Mr. R. Tynemouth	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. M. F. Rahman	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. M. N. Jones	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. R. Butler	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. Narayan Singh	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. M. M. Murtuza	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. V. M. Hammond	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. R. Langford	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. C. A. Herry	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. (H) C. Wong	29	31	60 (N)
Major B. White	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. G. A. Ribeiro	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. J. C. Fonseca	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. C. Cole	29	31	60 (N)
L/Sgt. (H) O. L. Smith	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. L. A. Rosario	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira	29	31	60 (N)
Mr. H. S. Jones	29	31	60 (N)
P. C. (H) S. T. Young	29	31	60 (N)
L/Sgt. F. W. Evans	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. (H) M. C. T. Jones	29	31	60 (N)
A/C. W. H. Golder	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. C. G. Chubb	29	31	60 (N)
Mrs. R. J. Jeffrey	29	31	60 (N)
Pte. D. M. Sim	29	31	60 (N)
Lt. A. F. V. Ribeiro	29	31	60 (N)
L/Cpl. C. M. Azade	29	31	60 (N)
Sgt. E. W. Ales	29	31	60 (N)
Lt. F. V. Ribeiro	29	31	60 (N)
Cpl. R. Hitchcock	29	31	60 (N)

### APERTURE SIGHTS

Comp.	25 yds.	50 yds.	Total
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68 (N)
Lt. A. F. V. Ribeiro	34	34	68 (N)
Sgt. L. G. J. P. Carey	34	34	68 (N)
Sgt. W. G. Adams	34	34	68 (N)
Lt. V. Cooper	34	34	68 (N)
Sgt. S. Chanchal Singh	34	34	68 (N)
M. A. F. Evans	34	34	68 (N)
ASP. (H) D. Lole	34	34	68 (N)
Mr. W. Tynemouth	34	34	68 (N)
Cpl. S. G. Bright	34	34	68 (N)
Mr. A. L. Warburton	34	34	68 (N)
Mr. W. K. Gillman	34	34	68 (N)
Sgt. W. P. Thompson	34	34	68 (N)
Lt. C. E. O'Leary	34	34	68 (N)
Capt. P. P. Secunda	34	34	68 (N)
Sgt. L. F. Foreman	34	34	68 (N)
Mr. H. G. Foreman	34	34	68 (N)
(H) Winner of Handicap spoon	34	34	68 (N)
Winner of Net spoon; (H) Winner of Possible Butts; (H) Winner of Range spoon; winner of (N) or (H) will have his Handicap reduced by one point.			

## SPORTS ADVTs.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th February, 1940.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## TO CRAIGENGOWER C.C. FOR BEATING RECREIO

On Saturday last Craigengower served up the surprise of the day when they beat the Recreio. The K.C.C. should be very grateful to them this season as they earlier held the I.R.C. to a draw, incidentally very nearly beating them. K.C.C. are now practically sure of the Shield.

I cannot imagine that when Craigengower were all out for 86 anyone thought they had much chance. Ernie Zimmermann alone got over twenty, while the only other double figures were scored by A. R. H. Esmail, Hulse and A. K. Ismail. Ozorio (2/30) met with less than his usual success and E. L. Gosano's 3/34 was less than his usual grace. But L. G. Gosano took three for 11 and A. P. Pereira 2 for four. So far so good. (By the way some of these Recreio lads are going to turn in remarkable bowling figures at the end of the season!)

BUT the opening Recreio bats collapsed completely—usually one of the first four comes off—and the only resistance really offered was when G. N. Gosano and Reed (as in the Civil Service match) pulled things together in a seventh wicket stand of forty odd.

This shows what a miserable failure the test were for the total was only 150. Zimmermann switched his bowlers about, (five of them collectively sent down 28 overs), and all but Hulse succeeded. F. R. Zimmermann had 2 for 20, which 1 for 10, Bill Morris—now back in form—4 for 17 in 8 overs, and very nice too, and Ismail 1 for 10.

In a way it reminded me of the Recreio and Navy match at the end of last season when the Navy got them out pretty cheap only to fall with the bat. If it is a tight fit I think Recreio are more dangerous trying to get their opponents out than going themselves for runs. It was the collapse I have been expecting. But seeing they kept me waiting for about two seasons they need hardly reproach themselves, save that it will prevent their game with K.C.C. being quite the needle affair it might have been otherwise.

### AS USUAL

THE I.R.C. were too much for the C.S.C.C. but the latter have had the worst of luck. Again McEllan and Fortescue were unable to turn out and they cannot bring in brilliant substitutes like N. Cassa who got 71. (N.B. This is what Artimus Ward used to call a "goat" and the French a "Jumbo"). I have a pretty good idea who he is. Of course I may be wrong. But "huff said". Another trouble of the C.S.C.C. is that Perry is hopelessly overworked—I doubt if any man has played so many innings or bowled so many overs here this season. Whitley has a patch, and accordingly the C.S. bowling—was the I.R.C. ran up 189 for four declared—V. C. Arculli (25) A. H. Madar 51 not out.

### GRIFFITHS RETURNS

IT was good to see Griffiths back in the side and in form—he hung on gallantly for 59 not out. But Richardson, Perry and Hollidge all failed again. Colledge (18) shows signs of returning to form but Hawkins, Barrow and Lawrence all had ducks and Whitley only hit out and got 37. Griffiths and he added 67 for the eighth wicket. If the C.S. can get a few more people to come off at once they will do better. Minu 12.1-2.40-8 was in excellent form. But I hear the catching on both sides was shocking.

### ARMY WIN

THE Army had little trouble with the University at Sookunpo. Sergeant Webb (congratulations on his promotion unless it is merely a "score" one) again came off and has run into form. He knocked out 88 not out. Major Harvey had a cheerful 122 and extras 211. Declaring at 177 for 9 the Army had the game in hand. Matthews (20), K. S. Oh (15) and T. S. Chan (14) alone got double figures. Young—a good left-hander if he is the man I saw bowling about six weeks ago—had the excellent figures of 7-3-10-6.

### SECOND DIVISION

CRAIGENGOWER second eleven were much too good for the Varsity second at the Valley. Their principal scorers were T. Lock (50 not out), A. M. Omar (34) and W. K. Way 28. Declaring at 173 for eight they skilfully Varsity out for 70, of which R. M. Soares got no less than 45 not out, going in second wicket down. A good performance.

### POLICE LOSE

IN a low scoring game on the Police ground, the I.R.C. got the Police out for 88 of which Pope (45) and Loughton (24) scored 601. There were 12 extras. M. R. Abbas (10.6-32-7) did most of the damage. But Pope and Danbrowski bowled well and made the I.R.C. go all the way to win by two wickets. Actually they were all out for 88 runs. Danbrowski, who might have been put out earlier, had 2-9-10-4. This sends the I.R.C. top of the Second Division table with 12 points in 4 games. K.C.C. have a similar number of points but have played one more game.

### NON-LEAGUE GAMES

LLOYD played for a very A team of H.K.C.C. against Kowloon who were not at full strength but were less to prices than the Club. They ran up 166 for 7 declared with I. Nancarrow not out 54. I have not seen him but fancy he used to play for the Air Force a little while ago. B. D. Lay got 5 for 33 and put the Club out for the poor score of 81.

### CLUB SECONDS WIN

IT is becoming a custom in this very troubled season to borrow school-boys—or boys who have just left school—to fill up a side (which side it matters not), when there is a shortage of members from Camp or other reasons. It is, I think, an excellent idea as it gives the youngsters experience of bigger cricket—that is, cricket outside school games—and will probably help the Colony's cricket in two or three years. On Saturday the Club second in a non-league game borrowed F. A. Weller, who made 91 incidentally. Odeil and N. L. Smith. Weller's innings was an excellent one. N. L. Smith bowled very well and took five wickets cheaply.

### RACE WEEK GAMES

AS usual those who do not care over much for the Social Function of the big Race Meeting got together and played cricket. On Monday the Club took on the Volunteers. Mitchell captained them and had three men obliged to call off on Monday morning but he managed to collect Stark, Fennie and Denyer. The Volunteers ran up 78 for declared and had a pretty useful side. Capt. Grose and Denyer made a dead heat at Ozorio whose three wickets cost him 74 in 7 overs. Curiously enough, Grose and Richardson (13) put up 43 for the first wicket before the latter had to take a ball from Ozorio. One "was enough" for he touched it into the ash. Grose went on to get 84 and the Club totalled 198 for 5 wickets—376 runs in the day's cricket!

### VOLUNTEERS V. K.C.C.

THE next day Volunteers went over to K.C.C. and, finding the home side short of bowling, ran up 203 for nine declared. With one exception every one got into double figures. They then got their opponents out in the last over. Parsons brought off a splendid catch off a cover slash by Anderson which would probably have killed him if he had not his hands to it. On this day 356 runs were scored.

### VOLUNTEERS OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS

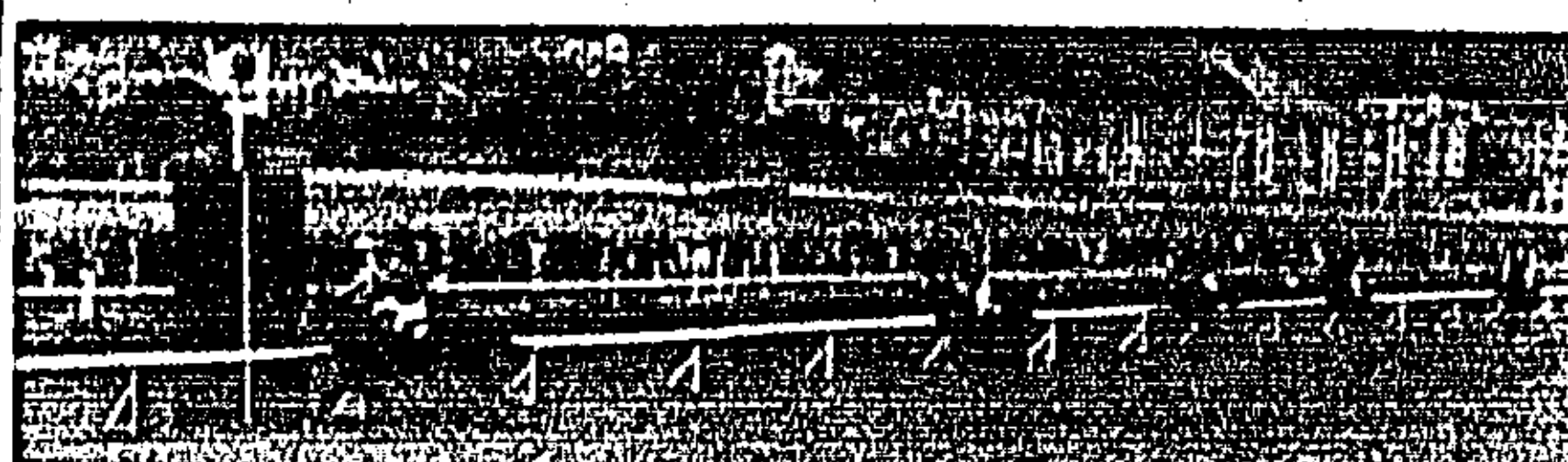
This game on Wednesday does not appear to have obtained much notice chiefly, I imagine, because it was such a filthy afternoon. The officers made a poor start with three down for 58 but Anderson got 72 and Mitchell 55, not out. Gillins 35 not out, playing his first game of the season made a rather shaky start. Declaration was made at 107 for 4 wickets but the weather was beastly. Owen Hughes bowled well for his side and took all nine wickets that fell. In fact many thought that Walker caught Divett off him just at the end but both batsman and umpire disagreed. The total score was 162 for 9 wickets. R. D. Walker (more usually referred to as "Railway") kept very well considering it was the first time in nineteen years!

### SUNDAY CRICKET

I hear the Volunteers-University match on Sunday had to be cancelled, but apparently the Army Second took on and beat the Royal Air Force pretty comfortably. Army only totalled 137—Swyer 33 and Gardner 20—but the Air Force could manage no more than 57. I must say, however, that I was surprised to see Hatfield, a regular opening bowler for the first, go on to start the second eleven. His figures were 34-3-10-6, Nancarrow (21) alone met with any success.

### FANLING BOGEY POOL

R. J. K. Walker won the Bogey Pool over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end when he returned a card of six down. There were 11 entries. One of the cards (one down) was marked by a lady and was therefore, disqualified.



The Australian Ponies Champions last Saturday produced one of the closest finishes seen during the Annual Race Meeting, Lan's Far View (H. C. Pih up) just managing to beat by a short head Mr. L. Dunbar's Baffin Bay, which was ridden by H. J. A. Hearne—Mee Cheung.

## United States Win Hypothetical Olympiad

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—With the Olympic Games for 1940 cancelled, the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has worked out the results of a hypothetical meeting. Their conclusions are based on last year's performances. Adopting the usual points system of 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, for the first six places, they make the United States winners with 209.3 points. Finland come second with 108 points and Germany, third with 74.2.

## Tsui Yun-Pui To Marry

Tsui Yun-pui, the well-known tennis player and joint-holder of the Colony's Doubles Championship with his brother, Tsui Wai-pui, is shortly to marry Miss Ip Yun-hing, of 10 On Wo Lane. Notice to this effect was given at the registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

### BADMINTON CHANGES

The Colony Badminton championship matches scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, on which date a Colony Black-out will take place, have been postponed a week to Tuesday, March 12, at the same venues and times.

The matches concerned are as follows: Doubles Championship—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.); C. K. Cheah and T. Chiu v. F. H. and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.); C. Au and P. H. Wong v. K. L. Lai v. F. K. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.).

### WIN FOR CHINESE "Y"

Chinese "Y" defeated University "B" by six sets to three in the Doubles Division last night. Scores: H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (Chinese "Y") beat C. K. Cheah and K. B. Low 23-20; beat C. K. Lee and T. B. Teow 21-13; lost to S. L. Yung and T. T. Chiu 10-21. P. H. Wong and T. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat Cheah and Low 21-6; beat Lee and Teow 21-13; lost to Yung and Chiu 15-21. C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y") lost to Cheah and Low 15-21; beat Lee and Teow 21-16; beat Yung and Chiu 21-14.

## Why Tommy Farr Left The R.A.F.

Several days ago, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, announced in the House of Commons amidst laughter that Tommy Farr, the famous boxer, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

According to the latest newspapers from Home, Farr was actually discharged from the R.A.F., which he joined on the day following the declaration of war, towards the end of December. Farr, who was reported to be very disappointed over the matter, then made the following statement:

"I went in as a second class air-craftman and I came out with the same rank. I wanted to be an air gunner or an observer. Naturally I had to go through a further medical examination. My left ear and right eye have been giving me trouble for quite a long time.

"I don't think it is very serious or that it will affect my boxing. I feel very miserable about it all, because I was really getting back to normal. I was quite happy and contented with food and conditions in the R.A.F. and, believe me, I am terribly sorry to leave the force. I still want to do my bit, but will take a few days to decide whether I shall join the Army or whatever course will serve the country best.

"Anyway, I will be ready whenever I am wanted.

"I would like actually to go out to the front and give exhibitions to the troops, and, if possible, take other famous fighters with me.

Great Britain share sixth place with Norway with 14 points each. Sweden and Japan coming before them. After that come Italy, Australia, Belgium, Estonia, Poland, Peru and the Netherlands.

There is some departure from a strict Olympic programme and the inclusion of a mile race gives the only British winner, S. C. Wooderson, the World record holder. There are two other additions to the Olympic programme, 100 yards and two miles.

The A.A.U. award the events of the various countries as follows:

### UNITED STATES

100 metres—Jeffrey and Ellerbee, 10.2 seconds.  
200 metres—Jeffrey, 20.7 sec.  
110 metres hurdles—Wolcott, 14.1 sec.

High Jump—Steers, 6 ft. 0 1/2 ins.  
Pole Vault—Meadows, 14 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

Discus—Fox, 175 ft. 6 1/2 ins.  
Weight-putt—Hickney, 53 ft. 7 ins.  
100 yards—Wilbur Greer, Mack Robinson and Brian Dunn (Australia).

### FINLAND

2 miles—Mackel, 8 min. 53.2 sec.  
5,000 metres—Mackel, 14 min. 8.8 sec.

10,000 metres—Mackel, 29 min. 52.3 sec.  
Javelin—Järvinen, 250 feet.  
Hammer—Behrla, 192 ft. 6 ins.

### GERMANY

400 metres—Harbig, 46 sec.  
800 metres—Harbig, 1 min. 46.8 sec.  
400 metres hurdles—Hoelling, 61.6 sec.

### GREAT BRITAIN

1 mile—S. C. Wooderson, 4 min. 7.4 sec.

### SWEDEN

1,500 metres—Anderson, 3 min. 48.8 sec.

### JAPAN

Long Jump—Gengen Kin, 26 ft.

### NORWAY

Hop, step and jump—Hearst Storm, 52 ft.

## COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

A paper hunt will be held for members of the Cottage Club on Saturday. Riders will gather at the Club House at 3 p.m., where Club ponies will be drawn for.

The hunt will start at 3.30 p.m. and the location will be announced later so that riders of privately-owned ponies can send their mounts to the meet.

## Naval Rugby Teams

The following will represent Navy "A" against Royal Engineers to-day on Causeway Bay Ground, at 3 p.m.

Pay-Lt. Stevens; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Tel. Hall, Sub-Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Carter, Lt. Clark; L.S.A. Palmer, Lt. (2E) Brown, Ldg. Writer Barlow; Chief Writer King; A. B. Longmuir, Ldg. Writer Ferris; L.S. Jones, A. B. Noonan.

Reserves—Mrs. Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, S.B.A. Davis, Ldg. Inglis.

The following will play Rugby for Navy "A" against Club to-morrow on Club Ground, at 5 p.m.

A. N. Other; Mrs. Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, Tel. Davidson, S.B.A. Addie; A. Hammond; A. N. Other; Ldg. Sig. Inglis; S.B.A. Davis; L.S. Spruit; Ord. Sea Murray; Lt. Lieutenant Taylor; Eng. Lt. Bruce, L.A.C. Gale, L. S. Wilkie.

"Anyway, I will be ready whenever I am wanted.

"I would like actually to go out to the front and give exhibitions to the troops, and, if possible, take other famous fighters with me.

"On the other hand, I may go back to the land and take an active interest in the farm which Job Churchill, my old friend, runs. But I haven't yet got over the shock of leaving the R.A.F."

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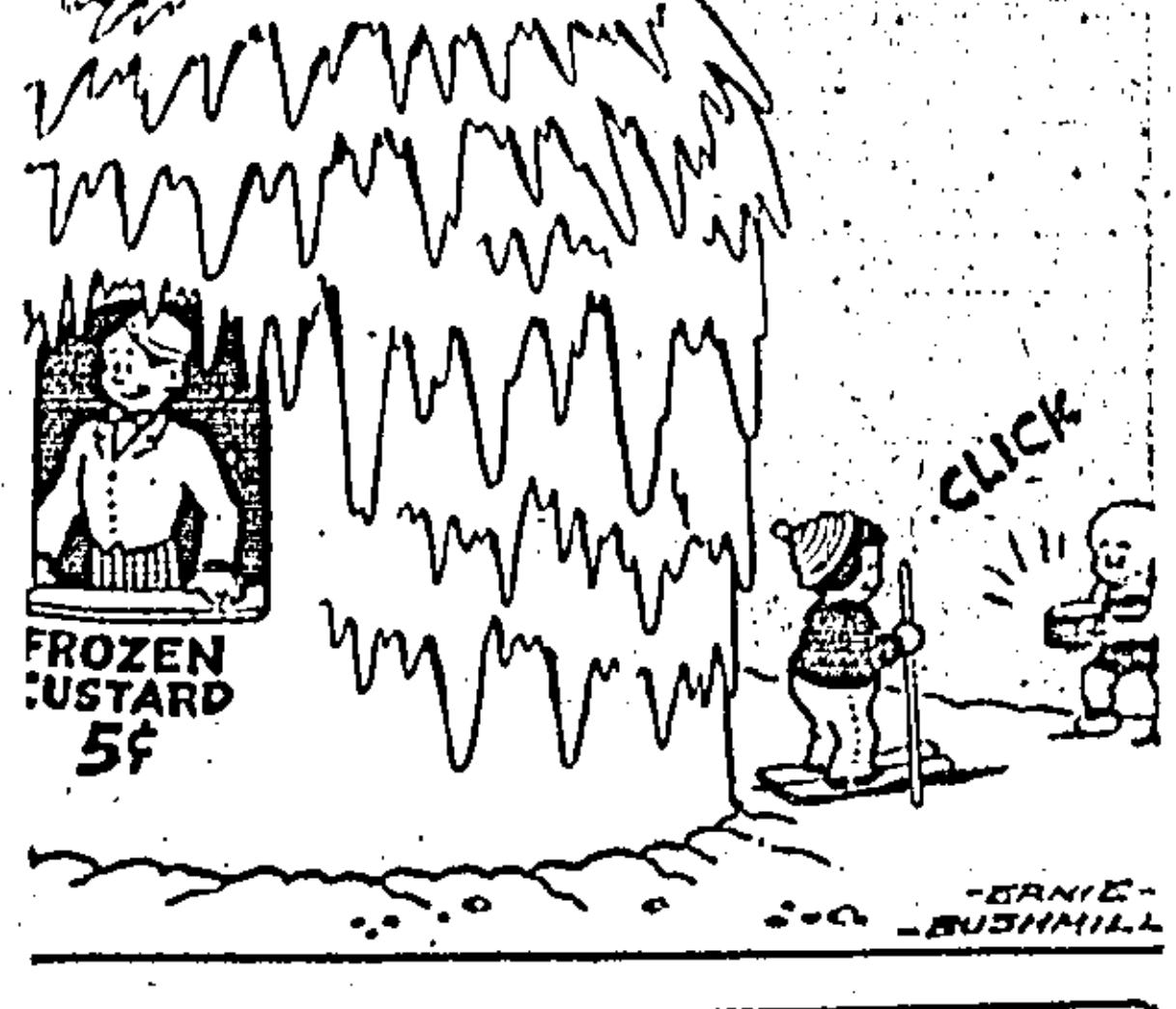
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# NANCY



## By Ernie Bushmiller



## MODERN POWER PLANT OPENED BY GOVERNOR

### History Of Development Of Kowloon Traced

Designed to house approximately three times the plant now within it and which is adequate for all Kowloon's present needs, the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. new power station at Hok Un was opened yesterday by the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. About 1,500 people attended the inaugural ceremony, which was held in the huge new boiler house, and were later given refreshments in the turbine room.

By turning a switch on the dials the Governor set the station in motion. Seated on his left was Mr. L. Kadoorie, Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors.

The new power station which stands on reclaimed land inside a gravity sea-wall of massive granite blocks, was designed to accommodate approximately 60,000 K.W. plant capacity. The boiler house is 220 ft. in length, nearly 52 ft. wide, and the roof is 100 ft. from the ground level.

Mr. Kadoorie said: The history of the China Light and Power Company is the history of the development of Kowloon. At the time of its lease in 1858 Old Kowloon had a population of a little over 600 people and it is recorded that its soil was considered so worthless that it was thought to be not fit even for the purpose of growing cabbages.

Until the next census in 1941 the population of Kowloon can only be guessed, but trustworthy estimates place the present total at over 1,000,000.

There are among our Directors those who well remember the days when Kowloon went lightless by night. In course of time its few suburban roads—if narrow pathways could be dignified by the term roads—were lighted by kerosene lamps. For what is to-day Salisbury Road, with its pride of place on the waterfront, there was a 15-ft. avenue skirted by two rows of banana trees interspersed with narrow granite pillars surmounted by oil lanterns which shed their dim light for the few passers-by on their way to the steam launch alongside the bamboo pier at Kowloon Point. This pier did duty for the principal landing stage on the peninsula.

Shallow Kowloon Bay, which was very shallow, had not been reclaimed; and not even the most lively imagination could predict that Banana Avenue with its soft sandy surface was leading to a future city destined to become the terminus of land, sea and air communications of the first importance in the East.

Forced in 1901 for the primary purpose of taking over a going concern supplying electricity in Canton, the China Light and Power Co. in 1903 began to operate the first power station in Kowloon. After a period of vicissitudes such as are often encountered with pioneer ventures, the Company sold its Canton undertaking to the Chinese in 1909, the money thus obtained enabling it for the time being to overcome the serious difficulties with which it was confronted owing to an insufficiency of working capital.

Kowloon's first power station, a very modest and unpretentious building, stood on ground now occupied by the workshops of the Kowloon-Canton Railway at Hung Hom. Its equipment consisted of three small sets of gas engines and generators—two of 100 H.P. and one of 50 H.P.—and a 100 H.P. boiler. Upon the completion of the Kowloon-Canton Railway in 1911, when great hopes were raised for the future of Kowloon, the Company decided to scrap most of its old machinery and to install larger units.

First Turbines In 1910, the Company's first turbines—two 750 K.W.B.T.H. turbo-alternators—were installed and put into operation together with the necessary boiler plant; these turbines, it is interesting to add, are still in service. In the same year, the Company commenced to supply its first large industrial load, as it then appeared—about 300 K.W.

But although the Company's business continued to grow, shareholders received no return on their capital for nine successive years, and, from 1910 to 1919, not one cent of profit had not been earned but because they were all required, together with borrowed money, to pay for extensions in all directions.

The conclusion of the Great War marked for the Company a milestone in its history. In the memorable year 1918 a complete reconstruction was carried out; the old station site was exchanged with Government for K.M.L. 93 at Hok Un, upon which, after it had been reclaimed, was created the power station which has supplied electricity for light and power to Kowloon ever since.

Simultaneously with the growth of the business it became necessary to acquire additional areas adjacent to the power station building. This new land, most of which had to be re-

claimed from the sea, was required for the future development of an extensive coal yard, and the provision of a well-equipped workshop. In addition, an air raid shelter capable of housing approximately 200 people has now been provided. Today the Company's property at Hok Un comprises an area of no less than eight acres.

Breadth of Vision The selection of the new site speaks well for the vision of those responsible. In a public utility undertaking of this nature, breadth of vision is an invaluable asset, and confidence in the future backed by the judicious expenditure of required capital ahead of time is essential.

In this connection, the following comparison of our records for the financial year 1933-34 (the year before the Great War) with those for 1938-39 (the last year of peace) is illuminating, as it indicates developments not even thought of a quarter of a century ago:

In 1913-14, the Company's Staff consisted of two Europeans, four Indians and 52 Chinese. At the close of 1938-39, the payroll comprised 39 Europeans, 27 Indians and 792 Chinese. It included casual labourers, the total number of Chinese employees exceeds 1,000.

The number of consumers, which in 1913-14 was only 876 had by the end of 1938-39 increased to 29,622.

The industrial load in 1913-14 was 987 horse-power, whereas the corresponding figure for 1938-39 was 28,275 horse-power.

The Company's plant capacity in 1913-14 was 520 K.W. and its total output that year 613,042 units. By 1938-39 the plant capacity had grown to 32,000 K.W., while the year's output reached a total of 87,644,050 units.

paid-up capital, which was \$300,000 in 1913-14, had by 1938-39 risen to no less than \$11,000,000.

More Country Served In 1913-14 the Company served an area of about two square miles only. Owing mainly to the extension of our business into the New Territories, the area had increased by the end of 1938-39 to about 200 square miles.

The extent of the Company's whole system will be realised when I state that there are now no fewer than 215 miles of mains and cables in service. Of this total, 160 miles of underground mains are laid in Kowloon and 45 miles of cable of which 22 miles represent the extra high tension transmission line are in service in the New Territories, in the general development of which electricity plays its important part.

The new power station, which stands on reclaimed land inside a gravity sea-wall of massive granite blocks, was designed to accommodate approximately 60,000 K.W. plant capacity.

tions, the installation of pump pits, and the construction of intake and discharge culverts) in connection with two further turbo-alternators of 11,750 K.W. and 30,000 K.W., respectively, has been completed in readiness for the prompt installation of such additional plant as soon as conditions warrant its purchase.

The high tension switch house accommodating the 5,000-volt switch-gear is 110 feet long, 39 feet wide and 17 feet to the ceiling. It is both physically and electrically subdivided into four sections separated by fire-walls and fire-doors, with flame barriers between the interconnector switches. Carbon dioxide fire-fighting equipment and separate oil drainage are provided for each compartment. All gear in this switch house was supplied by Messrs. A. Reyrolle & Co., Ltd., of Hibernia-on-Tyne.

Next to the switch house and adjacent to the turbine room is a five-story block containing, in addition to the Station Superintendent's and other offices, a laboratory, mess rooms, a conference room and control room; the last-named has been provided with the latest type of Carrier air-conditioning equipment. An R.C.A. loud-speaker inter-communication system connects all parts of the old and new stations with this room. A separate floor accommodates the multi-core control cables which are led through a reinforced concrete duct of ample size to the basement under the switch house.

Will Resist Typhoons The new power station is in general of steel frame construction, faced with reinforced concrete walls, designed to resist the high pressure of typhoons and to ensure complete water-tightness.

Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider, of London, were the Consulting Engineers in connection with the plant and machinery.

The building was designed by our Consulting Engineer, Mr. S. E. Faber, who was responsible for preparing the drawings and specifications, and under whose direction the work was carried out.

Messrs. Davies, Brooke and Gram, of Hongkong and Shanghai, were the Consulting Architects and the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., under the constant personal supervision of its General Works Manager, Mr. Hugh Braga, were the General Contractors.

In the construction of the main building and underground work, the following quantities of materials were used:—1,350 tons of structural steel, including 60,000 rivets and bolts; 350 tons of steel bars; 6,000 cubic yards of reinforced concrete; and 2,500 tons of cement supplied by the Green Island Cement Co.

The civil engineering work included the removal of 20,000 cubic yards of earth and 5,000 cubic yards of solid rock.

The Consulting Engineer, the Contractors, and resident representatives of British manufacturers, as well as the China Light and Power Co.'s own technical Staff, have earned the thanks of the Board of Directors for the excellence of the work that has been carried out with such efficiency.

Future of Kowloon I trust that Your Excellency and our guests to-day are as satisfied as we are that this modern power station befits the growing city of Kowloon. Tomorrow to-day has a significance beyond that of merely a suburban residential area. The early exemplary efforts of pioneers have made possible the establishment and development of projects that have gradually attained the size of large and important undertakings. It is to be hoped that nothing will prevent Kowloon from gradually developing into a manufacturing centre of some importance.

This fine new building is frankly designed with an optimistic view to the future and is a symbol of the faith of the China Light and Power Co. in the greater progress and development of the Colony of Hongkong in general and of Kowloon and the New Territories in particular.

Industries ranging in size from the manufacture of joss sticks to the building of ocean-going steamers, as different in their nature as the preserving of ginger and the mining of lead ore, are to-day dependent for their operation on power supplied by this Station. It is only in proportion to the unhampered growth in the demand for power by these and other industries that our foresight can be justified and the spaces at present unoccupied in this building be taken up by newer and larger generating plants.

On this occasion we wish prosperity to our many consumers, to whom it is our constant endeavour to provide service with efficiency and with whose success our future is so intimately bound.

to the Company's able and courteous Chairman, Mr. Law, once Kadoorie, on his achievement in putting before us so simply and effectively his complex and absorbing tale.

Doubtless, as we listened to Mr. Kadoorie he thought struck other minds as well as my own: "What would Kowloon have been to-day had it not been for the vision and the faith of Mr. R. G. Shewan and his fellow-directors during the first 20 years of this century? Suppose that physically and electrically a standard bearer—as they did—the local light and power company had been governed by a cautious policy, hesitating twice or thrice before each step forward; would we have had on the Peninsula to-day the amazing development of shops, hotels and factories which the last 20 years have seen and which is still, I am glad to say, in rapid progress?" I think it very unlikely. The provision of light and of power is essentially fundamental to sound progress and the inhabitants of Kowloon are very deeply indebted—perhaps more so than in more remote areas—to them for what the energy and foresight of its directors have brought into being.

So much for the past: what of the future? The building in which you find yourselves supplies the best answer to that question. For this vast room is designed to house three times the plant which is now within it and which is adequate to all Kowloon's present needs, and the rest of the Station is on the same courageously far-sighted scale. In the face of those facts can any of you doubt that the vision and the faith of the present Board which sanctioned the huge expenditure necessary for such an enterprise is as clear and as strong as those which animated the Company's founders? There can be but one answer.

Confidence in Future What is it that that vision foresees and on what does that faith rest? Obviously it is to a great manufacturing future for this town of Kowloon and its suburbs that the China Light and Power Company is looking, and I readily imagine any stand beside them in that confidence. It is with the same and in view that Government must frame its schemes for the development of the port, of the aerodrome and of the town itself, and I am happy to be in a position to reflect that all those problems are about to undergo close investigation by experts.

The future of Kowloon is too vast a scheme for treatment at a moment such as this—and I will not attempt the task. I endorse on your behalf, ladies and gentlemen, the warm praise which Mr. Kadoorie has justly given to those who have played a part in the building of this palatial power station. I will not name again all those deserving and distinguished persons and firms of whom he spoke but if, following the example of a famous lady novelist, I might single out one for mention, it would be Mr. Faber for the beauty and grandeur of his design, which even a non-technical person like myself can appreciate.

Mr. Chairman and Directors, I feel greatly privileged to have been invited to open this magnificent power-station and to be the mouth-piece of those present. I assure you that all of your guests to-day join with me in wishing all prosperity to the China Light & Power Company and with these good wishes I declare your new Power-station open.

The Governor was presented with a piece of silver plate by Mr. Kadoorie as a souvenir of the occasion and Lady Northcote was presented with a bouquet by Miss Laureen Clemo.

Lighting Arrangements The Station is equipped with three district systems controlled by push button switches in the Control Room, providing the usual full station lighting from the A.C. mains; A.R.P. lighting from A.C. and D.C. services; and thirdly emergency lighting from the Station Battery or D.C. Generator. In a matter of seconds the Station can be "blacked out" with screened lights available at essential sections of the Plant, and without the use of blinds or screens for the windows.

Ample normal lighting has been provided, varying from 10 ft. candles in the boiler house to 15 ft. candles in the control room. The exterior of the station is illuminated by electric discharge lamps.

The lighting and single phase power wiring has been carried out in galvanneal conduit throughout, with substantial ironed accessories. Outlets are provided for telephones in all sections, and the control room also has communication by loud speakers with the boiler operators. An indicator in the boiler room shows the total load on the plant.

Synchronous clocks are provided throughout, with 24 hour dials. These clocks are provided with an intricate and automatic resetting device. Should for any reason the A.C. current not be available, the clocks will stop and a master clock records the length of the stoppage.

## United Service

To the Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Most of your readers will be aware that for some years past the Christian Churches in Kowloon have united in the Service of Christian Witness on Good Friday, at 11.30 a.m. We are planning to hold such a Service this year, and so far the Anglican Churches, both English-speaking and Chinese, the Salvation Army, the Union Church and the Y.M.C.A. have been approached and are sharing in the Service. If there are other Christian bodies in Kowloon who would like to have a share in this Service, and whom I have not so far written to, I should be grateful if they would write to me, or telephone me, so that I can make sure that their co-operation is not wasted.

Rev. H. D. ROSENTHAL, Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

## The Police Reserve

### List Of Parades For The Coming Week

Police Reserve Orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

Chinese Company Training Course—Part III.—The following will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, February 29, 1940, at 5.15 p.m. for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander, Dress—blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain, and truncheon. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present. Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company Commendation—Lance Sergeant R220 Ilan Din is commended and granted the commendation service bar for (a) zealous and prompt action in arresting a watch thief on February 2, 1940, (b) zeal and alertness of January 22, in securing the arrest of a Chinese male who had escaped from Police custody and jumped into the harbour.

Training Course—Part I.—The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, February 29, 1940, at 5.15 p.m. for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan.—Constables R221 A. Karim, R227 A. Khan, R271 N. Afzal, R211 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R249 A. Mohamed, R253 Mohamed Ramzan, R256 S. Ali, R223 V. Hanet, R213 A. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R212 P. Singh, R272 M. N. Nazir, R210 M. Singh, R220 G. Singh, R238 N. Khan, R200 P. Singh, R201 Najab Khan, R202 M. Hayat, R204 M. Currim, R205 S. Khan, R206 M. Yaqub, R207 M. C. Khan, R208 M. Hosen, R209 Ajab Singh, R210 H. Ahmed, R211 W. Ali, R214 A. R. Abdulrahman, R215 B. H. Sharma, and R217 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad Instructional Patrol.—The next instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Wednesday, February 29, 1940, at 5.15 p.m. sharp at Central Police Station. All members must attend. Dress—blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain, and truncheon to be carried.

The next instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 1940, at 5.15 p.m. sharp at Terminus Fire Station. All members must attend. Dress—blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain, and truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered. Emergency Unit Reserve N. C. O. Meeting.—An N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 1940. All members of the Emergency Unit Reserve who have not yet qualified in Part III of Training Course—Part II.—The following will attend No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29, 1940, for instruction.

Company Drill.—All ranks will attend No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 1940, for Company Drill. Dress—blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain, and truncheon to be carried. Members in possession of clothing and equipment due for return should hand same to Equipment Officer on Wednesday, February 29, 1940, at No. 2 Police Station. Police Reserve Orders.—Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered. O. FACS, D. S. P. (R).

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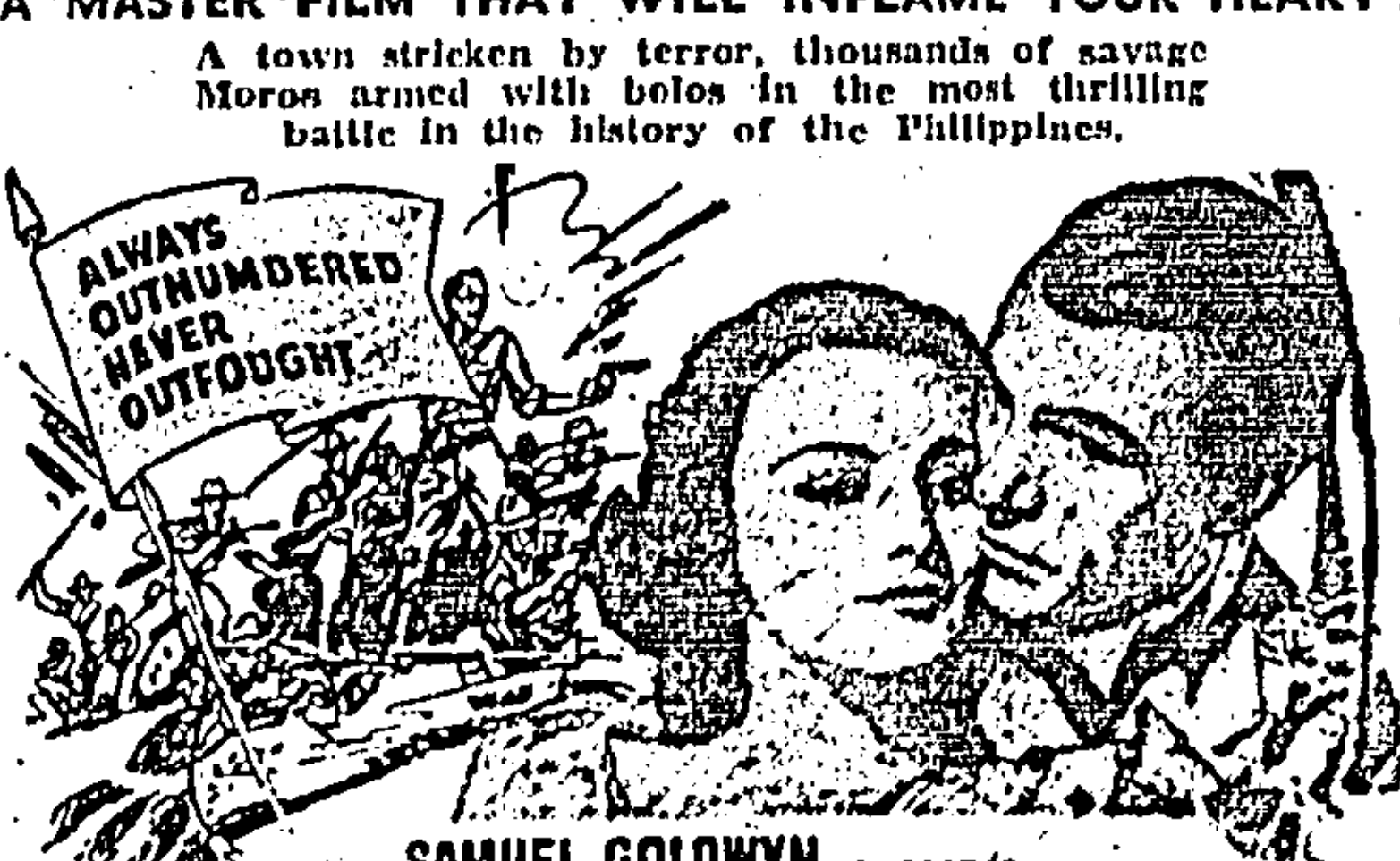


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# STALIN'S SECRET AIR WEAPON IS IN USE

By JOHN LANGDON-DAVIES  
"Evening Standard" Special Correspondent on the  
Finnish War Front  
HELSINGFORS.

ONE of the latest achievements of the Russian air force has been to spray a small village and rural area, three miles long and 300 yards wide, with nearly a thousand incendiary bombs, then aim high explosives on an adjacent steel factory, missing it by a quarter of a mile.

Photographs have recently appeared of Russia's first "secret weapon" to be tried in Finland. It is already christened "Molotov's breadbasket" by the Finns.

It is an iron cylinder, 7ft. 6in. long, 3ft. in diameter, and is packed with a hundred or more ordinary incendiary bombs.

The Russians in the raid on this village between Aabo and Hangoe succeeded in burning down only 20 houses. Most incendiary bombs blazed away uselessly on the ground.

It is calculated that 30 per cent. failed to ignite, which suggests Russian incendiary bombs are better than the Italian and German, which in Spain averaged four out of five failures.

Despite the Reds' poor results, the realistic Finns see in "Molotov's breadbasket" one of the greatest menaces of the future.

It is ideal in summer for burning large tracts of forest and wooden houses of forest workers.

With their amazing power of making an ally of Nature, the Finns are already preparing for the dangers of the dry season. Great firebreaks are being prepared and a magnificent fire-fighting organisation perfected.

But no Finn would deny that the major tragedy of the destruction of the world's finest timber reserves is inevitable unless before the forests dry they have sufficient fighters to prevent "Molotov's breadbaskets" being dropped indiscriminately.

### No "Deliverers"

I am already learning that, contrary to my expectations before I came here, workers regard this as more their war than other classes of the community.

This village the Russians bombed is purely a factory colony, organised under benevolent and paternal capitalism, which seems the chief feature of the present stage of Finland's development. Ten of its fifteen councillors are Social Democrats, yet the chairman is the factory director.

Houses, the hospital, the church, the school the police are all the property of the factory company, who pay families half-wages wherever a man is at the front and supply rent-free houses.

The Russians must be very ill-informed if they imagine that these workers, whose homes they are bombing, regard them as "deliverers."

## LATE NEWS

### FRENCH WOMEN AID FINLAND



Many French women have volunteered to aid Finland. General Max Weygand, who retired as Commander-in-Chief of the French army in 1935, is shown presenting a flag to the head of a feminine Motor Ambulance Corps, about to leave France for Finland.

## Secret Weapon For Balloon Barrage MORE DANGEROUS THAN SKY BARRIER

BRITAIN'S balloon barrage has a secret weapon. This makes it far more dangerous to enemy aircraft than a mere barrier in the skies.

But how the barrage has been made lethal in the fullest sense of the word is a "hush-hush" matter.

It can, however, be stated that the weapon does not consist of machine-guns concealed in pockets in the balloon or of electrical charges in the wire.

Many people believe that a balloon crew's life is a monotonous one.

Actually it is full of excitement. When a gale springs up the floppy mass which on the ground looks a dejected elephant becomes a malignant monster with which the crew has to wrestle.

Frequently the crew has to turn out on rain-swept nights to control their balloon.

The massive winches, which weigh some tons, are lifted bodily off the ground by the force of some gales.

One was lifted by a gale some 50 yds. to the edge of a cliff overlooking a seaside town.

Accidents to aircraft in the barrage have already given the authorities valuable information on what is likely to happen to low-flying Nazi raiders.

### As If By A Razor

One civil plane which crashed into the barrage had a wing cut off as if by a razor.

It has been established that the modern steel propeller cannot sever the balloon's hawser.

Nor is there likely to be a repetition of the disastrous event of 1917, when a big German bomber flew into the primitive balloon barrage which then existed and, instead of damaging itself, brought the whole barrage to the ground in a tangled mass of wires.

### German Balloons

In spite of the sneers of the Nazis about Britain's balloons, the Germans themselves are employing extensive balloon barrages.

Two escaped German balloons have drifted to this country. One landed at Edinburgh and the other on the Norfolk coast. A study of them indicates that the Germans have no secrets in their barrage of which we are not aware.

Mobility is one of the features of the barrage. Within twenty-four hours of the first German attack on the Firth of Forth a complete balloon barrage had been rushed from another part of Scotland and was in position over the Firth.

### No Mishaps Then

It is disclosed that up to the outbreak of war none of the provincial balloon crews had any practical experience of flying their balloons. But they had learned their lesson so well from lectures and text-books

### OFFICERS OBLIGE

TRADESMEN of Swindon, Wiltshire, decided to give a dinner and entertainment to troops quartered locally.

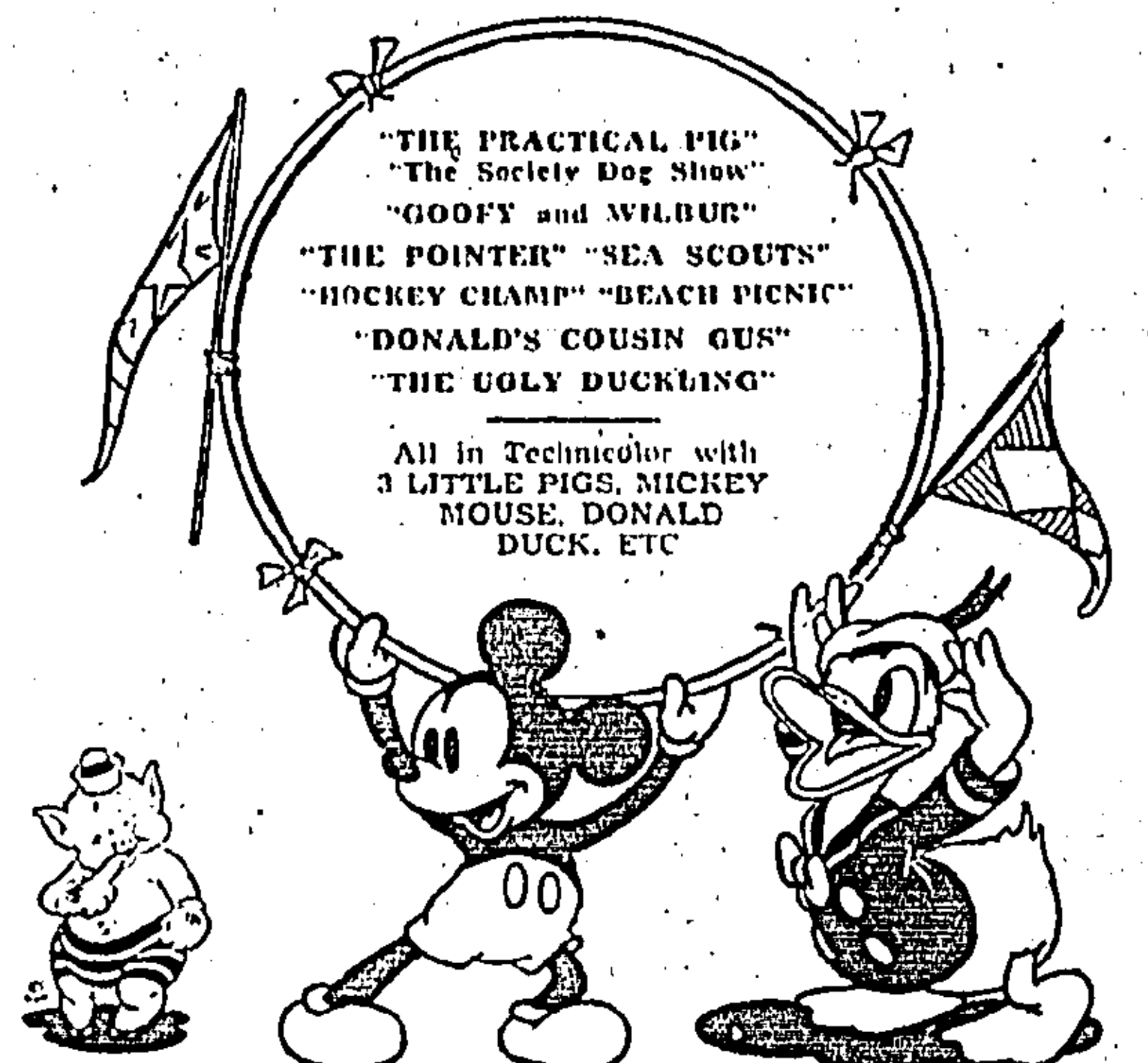
But they could think of no way of including sentries unable to leave their posts.

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**Gifts For New Dalai Lama** **World's Fair To Re-open**

**Presentations By British Mission** **Forty-Six Countries To Participate**

LIHSA, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Gifts, including a silk scarf, a bar of gold and bags of silver, were presented to the Dalai Lama on behalf of the British Government here to-day by Mr. Gould.

The Dalai Lama received the Mission sealed on the throne of the Potala Palace with the Regent and other notables attending.

Members of the Mission ascended the steps of the throne in single file and saluted.

After the presentation of the gifts with the British Government's formal felicitations, the Dalai Lama blessed the Mission members, who then toured the city streets which

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Thirty-two countries, including Great Britain, Czechoslovakia and Finland, have hitherto accepted President's invitation to participate in the World's Fair this year, it is announced by Mr. Grover Whalen, President of the Fair.

It is added that acceptances from 15 others are on the way. This will make a total of 46 countries exhibiting compared with 61 in 1939.

Mr. Whalen said, Britain had officially accepted despite the Fair Corporation's refusal to finance or help to finance her exhibit.

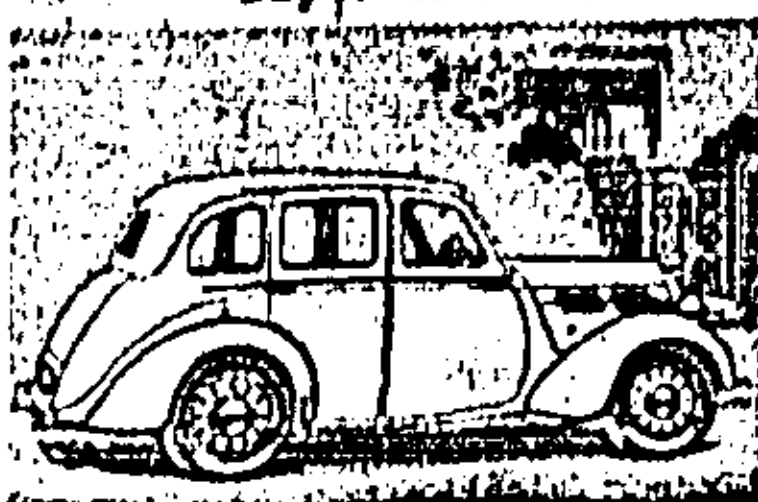
were lighted with blazing torches and crowded with merry-makers.

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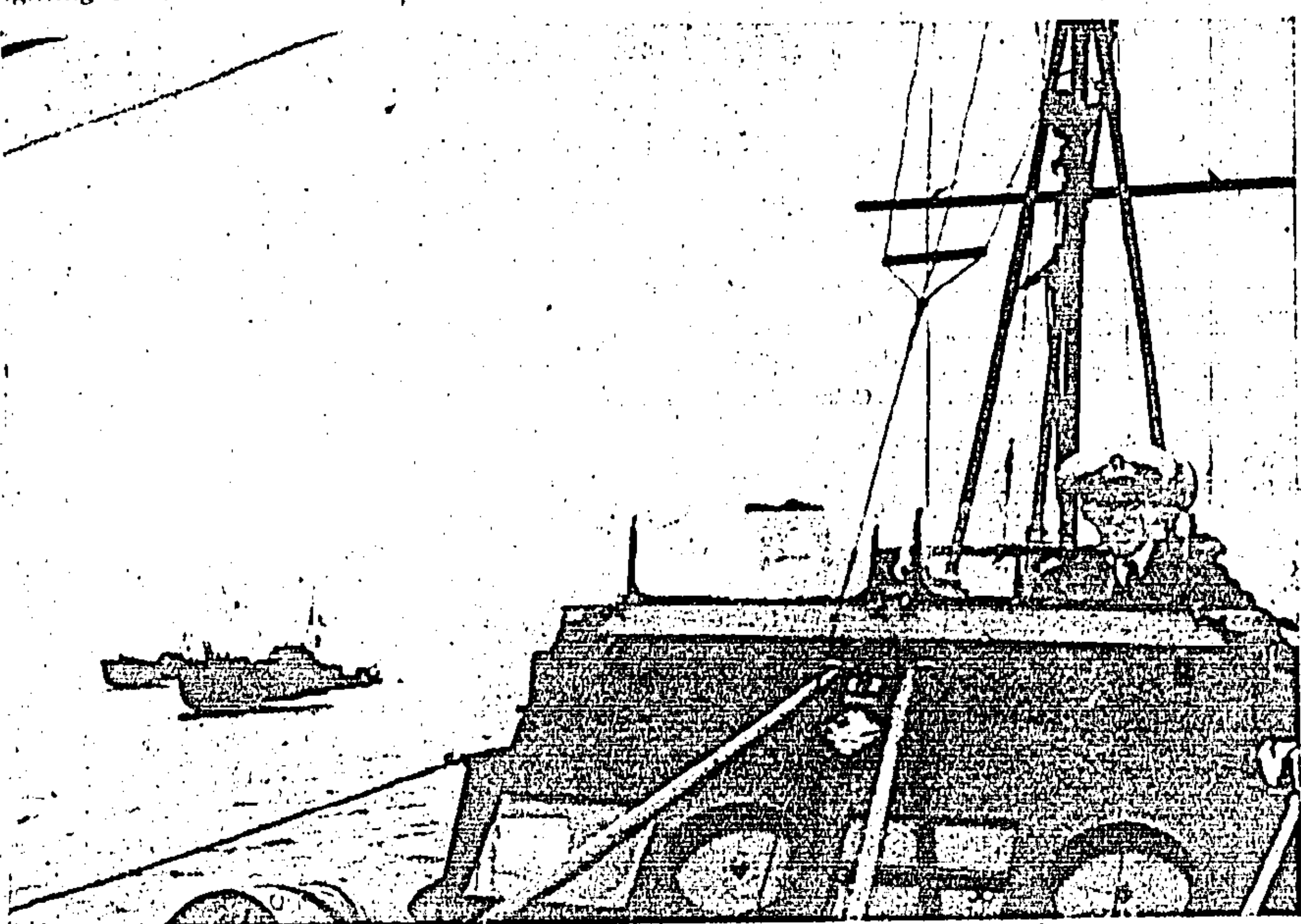
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ANOTHER photograph in the exclusive series on Hongkong's defences, specially taken by Norman Soong.

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## Mediation Moves Not Acceptable to Allies

### ALLIES TO PAY \$1,000,000,000 FOR WARPLANES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said that he was convinced that the British and French Governments had \$1,000,000,000 (£250,000,000) in foreign exchange with which to pay the \$1,000,000,000 worth of aeroplanes contemplated in their purchasing programme over the next 18 months.

Mr. Morgenthau added that he thought that the prices being paid for military planes by foreign governments were reasonable when compared with the domestic prices.

## MORE GUARDS TO PROTECT ROOSEVELT'S LIFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Owing to conditions in the United States arising out of the war in Europe, it has become necessary to increase the guards who protect the life of the President.

This revelation was made today by Mr. Frank J. Wilson, Chief of the Secret Service Division.

"It is absolutely essential to increase the Presidential guards immediately in order to protect the President and his family," Mr. Wilson declared.

"This decision has been reached after a thorough investigation of all the conditions involved." Congress is to be asked to provide \$30,000 for the purpose of hiring an additional 40 guards.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Lord Tweedsmuir's ashes have been taken to the little village of Elstead, north of Oxford, where he had made his home for many years.

# Russian Parachutists Wiped Out After Daring Exploit Near Viborg KOIVISTO CAPTURED: FINNS WITH BACKS TO THE WALL

## Fate of Viborg in Balance As Reds Advance Over Ice

By RALPH FORTE

"UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—Finland has abandoned her Mannerheim Line anchor in the Gulf of Finland.

Koivisto has now definitely fallen.

The fortress and town, which is only a few miles across ice-bound Viipuri Bay from Viborg were abandoned after the Russians succeeded in crossing the ice to capture Tuensari and Viensari—two strategic islands at the entrance to Koivisto.

The Russians have twice claimed the capture of Koivisto fortress, which is the extreme southern fortification of the Mannerheim Line.

The defenders, who have resisted almost continuous attacks since November 30 and accounted for many thousand Russian dead, were forced to retreat across the frozen surface of Viipuri Bay when they were outflanked on land by the Russians.

### DARING ATTEMPT FAILS

Simultaneously with the capture of Koivisto, the Russians made a daring attempt to capture Viborg itself by means of its parachute battalions.

Throughout last night, heavy Russian transport planes and bombers roared over Viborg and its suburbs and, taking advantage of the darkness, large numbers of parachutists were dropped behind the Finnish lines.

The parachutists were able to re-form into a compact group before their presence behind the Finnish lines was detected.

### PARACHUTISTS WIPED OUT

Bitter fighting resulted. Early this morning, however, the Finns claimed that all the parachutists had either been wiped out or had surrendered.

The situation in Viborg, which is Finland's second largest city, is now regarded as critical.

All civilians have been evacuated.

It is believed that Finnish G.H.Q. will decide to-day whether the Finnish Army will be withdrawn to Finland's third line of defences behind the city.

### Viborg Disappears

Viborg as a city has disappeared. It has been subjected to the most intense aerial and artillery bombardment for almost three weeks and has gradually crumbled into dust and rubble as thousands of bombs and shells have exploded throughout its streets.

The Russians are now firing on the city at point blank range from behind Koivisto, which is only six miles distant across the bay.

Some circles believe that it is certain that the Finns will abandon the city in order to preserve men and equipment.

But other quarters believe that a decisive stand will be made. It is pointed out that if Finnish G.H.Q. decides to resist the advance across the ice, Russia could be made to pay as dearly for the capture of Viborg as she did for the drive on the Mannerheim Line at Summa and Kamara, where 50,000 Russians are reported to have fallen.

Only Another Four Weeks  
A Finnish official told me this morning that Finland could hold out for only another four weeks.

In addition to the heavy fighting on the Viborg front, the Russians are launching tremendous assaults elsewhere in Finland.

Big battles raged throughout the night on the western end of the Mannerheim Line, where the Russians are attempting to assault Salmenkallio, a town between Lake Vioksi and Lake Ayrasjoki.

Heavy fighting has also recommenced on the Petsamo front, in the extreme north of Finland, and reports from the Norwegian border state that one of the biggest battles of the Finnish War is now raging in this sector.

It is claimed that the Finns are holding out at Helsingfors.

A Russian air raid also continued on a heavy scale.

The air raid alarm shifted for 80 PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 2.



## ROOSEVELT TO RUN FOR THIRD TERM

### Reported to Be Ready to Break With Tradition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The United States may now be said to be prepared for a break with the tradition that a President should never serve for a third term of office.

Most papers and political commentators now agree that President Roosevelt will probably run again, and if he does, no Republican candidate in sight is likely to stop him.

Already a number of prominent Democrats have started a movement in favour of the candidature of President Roosevelt, who has now allowed his name to be entered in the Illinois presidential primary, which will be regarded as a test of his present popularity.

Office Expires Next Year  
Washington gossip-writers assert that the President has decided to run, but he will probably not announce his decision until the Democratic Convention is actually in session.

President Roosevelt's term of office expires on January 20, 1941. The presidential election will be held in November this year.

It is generally agreed that it will be fought more on foreign than domestic policies, and even if elected the Republicans are hardly likely to change the present foreign policy.

It is reported to have embodied all the salient features of France's Maginot Line and Germany's West Wall.

In addition, a leaf has been taken from the book of Holland's defence and provision has been made for an ambitious scheme of floods should the Russians attempt to cross the Dniester.

"In strength and efficiency, the Carol Line is far superior to Finland's Mannerheim Line," said a Rumanian official to-day.

JAPAN'S POLICY  
UNCHANGED

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The spokesman of the Foreign Office refused to be drawn to-day by Hitler's reference to Japan as a "neutral, well-meaning towards Germany."

"Japan's policy of non-interference in the European War still holds good," the spokesman asserted.

## LATEST

## N. SEA BATTLE RUMOURED

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports are prevalent here that a naval battle has taken place in the North Sea. No details, however, are available.

A London message says that the British Admiralty stated they have no knowledge of the foregoing report.

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Saigon ..... 6.30 p.m.  
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Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Air Mail for India, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 4th March.  
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Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th March.  
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Parcels ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5.15 a.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March.  
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Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 28.  
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Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 4th March.  
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000, Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—General McNaughton, General Officer Commanding the Canadian Troops, has taken over the administration of the entire Aldershot Command for the next six days while General Broad is on leave.

# GERMAN BLITZKRIEG NEAR 55-45 Chance of Breaking Through To North Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, FEB. 26 (UP).—LUDWELL DENNY, STAFF CORRESPONDENT FOR THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS, REPORTS THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM AMERICAN OBSERVERS IN EUROPE THAT HITLER INTENDS TO CONDUCT AN OFFENSIVE THROUGH HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

The Correspondent reports that the confidential information gathered in Europe indicates that Hitler has a 55-45 chance of getting through.

The reports, he states, partly explain Mr. Sumner Welles' mission to Europe.

President Roosevelt's advisers have told him that German bombers are doing fairly well, but not as well as Goering expected.

### MUST HAVE BASES

"Germany needs bases closer to England. These bases will have to be in Dutch or Belgian territory," the report states.

"Hence, it is the prediction of these American observers in Europe that Hitler will try to blast his way through the Low countries.

"Germany's strength is reported to have increased rather than diminished during the six months of warfare.

"Admitting that the British blockade of Germany is slow in taking hold and is simply a long-range weapon at the best, these experts abroad think that many years will be required to starve Germany out of food and military supplies."

### CONFLICTING RUMOURS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Despite persistent reports that warfare on land, sea and in the air will intensify with the advent of spring, well-informed Nazi quarters point out that there are no indications that Hitler will modify his "tactics of localisation," either in diplomatic or military affairs.

It is believed that Hitler's strategy is designed to confine concentration of troops on the Western Front.

Germany's policy towards the Balkans and northern Europe aims at preventing supply routes from being disturbed by the Allies.

Involvement of any of these countries in the war would deal a grave blow to Germany owing to its effect on her trade.

The Allies, on the other hand, are concentrating all the diplomatic activity on saving the neutrals away from the Nazis.

Tangible signs of Allied activity are already shown in the concentration of large armed forces in Syria and the Near East, under the command of General Weyand.

Mediteranean Bottled Allied naval forces are reported to be in complete control of the situation at both ends of the Mediterranean.

The delicate relations existing between the Soviet Union and Italy is also cause for perturbation in Germany.

## LETTERS

### United Service

To the Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Most of your readers will be aware that for some years past the Christian Churches in Kowloon have united in a Service of Christian Witness on Good Friday, at 11.30 a.m. We are planning to hold such a Service this year, and so far the Anglican Churches, both English-speaking and Chinese, the Salvation Army, the Union Church and the Y.M.C.A. have been approached, and are sharing in the Service.

If there are other Christian bodies in Kowloon who would like to have a share in this Service, and whom I have not so far written to, I should be grateful if they would write to me, or telephone me, so that I can make sure that their co-operation is not wasted.

REV. H. D. ROBERTSON,  
Christ Church,  
Kowloon Tong.

### CHARITY CONCERT

A Charity Concert is being held on Thursday at 9 p.m. by the St. John's Hall Music Club to raise funds for the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend. Tickets at \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1 are obtainable from Tsang Fook Co.

## KOIVISTO CAPTURED: FINNS WITH BACKS TO THE WALL

FROM PAGE ONE

minutes in Helsinki, the capital, and heavy explosions were heard in the suburbs. The Finnish communiqué claims that five Russian planes were shot down over various fronts during the day.

### Finns Admit Withdrawal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Domei).—The Finnish Government announced that the islands off Koivisto in the Gulf of Finland have been abandoned by Finnish forces in view of the increasing Soviet pressure. These islands form the western end of the Mannerheim Line and their loss is believed to be a serious blow to the Finnish defences.

### Reds Press Attacks

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—An official Finnish communiqué issued yesterday announced that the Russians are still pressing their attacks on the western part of the Mannerheim Line. The communiqué announced that the Finns had abandoned forts on the Koivisto Islands. Practically the whole of Viborg has now been destroyed and all but a few Army units have left the town. Most defence lines are being thrown up.

### Will Cost Heavily

A correspondent who has just left the town reports that it cannot be taken by the Russians without their suffering tremendous losses. There will be more heavy Russian losses before they can get any further, he stated. A Finnish High Command communiqué issued to-day also reports increased air activity.

### Finnish Planes in Action

Finnish planes have carried out reconnaissance and bombing flights over the Soviet rear lines and have taken part in a number of air battles. They brought down five planes for certain and there may be two others. The Soviets dropped some bombs on Hangoo but without doing much damage.

### Berlin Denies Mediation

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that the idea of German mediation between Finland and Russia has brought forward a fresh denial in Berlin, where it is officially stated that "from the beginning our attitude to the Finnish conflict has been that of a neutral observer. There has been no change in that attitude. Events in Finland concern only Finland and Russia."

### Finnish Withdrawals

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Following the abandonment of Koivisto Island fortress, it is reported that the Finns are preparing to evacuate the town of Sakari, five miles inland opposite Viborg and across Viborg Bay. This probably means only evacuation of civilians. The town is exposed to direct bombardment now that Koivisto is in Soviet hands.

## INCREASING THE BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wire- less).—A supplementary estimate for 1939 is issued regarding the numbers of officers and men required for Army service in addition to the numbers already voted. It is stated that the numbers already voted for the year, totalling 275,000, have been substantially exceeded. The purpose of this supplementary estimate is to obtain Parliamentary authority for such additional numbers of officers and men as may be necessary.

## THREE TIMES ATTACKED

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The British trawler, Persian Empire, which came back to port yesterday morning, suffered no less than three attacks from Nazi planes.

The first attack took place as far back as January 12, when Nazi planes tried to bomb and machine-gun the ship.

Last Thursday, it was attacked once more and again on Saturday.

On this last occasion, three R.A.F. fighters came up and the Nazi plane disappeared so quickly that the trawler was unable to bring into action its new machine-gun.

## WESTERN FRONT

## NAZIS READY FOR ATTACKS?

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Great German activity on the right bank of the Moselle is reported by the correspondent of the "Obermosel Zeitung" from Remich.

He declares that trains were never so numerous and long.

Columns of lorries, infantry and cavalry are visible, while munition and supply columns are reported to be moving day and night.

The Echternach correspondent of the same paper reports with all reserve that Marshal Goering and four Generals, halted on Saturday at Echternach bridge, which leads across the Sauer River from Germany into Luxembourg.

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# VIGIL IN THE CITY of the DEAD

I VISITED Strasbourg while I was at the front. It is a city of death.

Of its population of 200,000 only such municipal employees remain as are necessary for its essential services and the police, the customs officers and a certain number of soldiers who are there to guard the city and keep it swept and garnished.

On the day I was there, for a wonder the sun shone brightly; it was high noon, but you had the sinister feeling of a city at dead of night. It was like a city in a fairy tale where everyone who dwelt there was trapped in a magic sleep.

Here and there, in a house or a flat, a window has remained unshuttered and you cannot resist the notion that someone is living behind that closed window, closed because there is a nip in the air, and that at any moment a face will appear behind it; but you know that not a soul is there.

These hundreds and hundreds of houses, street after street, lane after lane, are empty.



empty cottages, but they were dilapidated. The refugees set to with a will to make them habitable. Now you could eat off the floors.

The refugees have to sleep on straw mattresses, sometimes on the floor, sometimes on deal trestles that they have made themselves. The authorities are providing wooden beds as fast as they can, but there is a shortage of wood, and it takes time to provide beds in wartime for such numbers. There is still a lot of overcrowding.

But for all these inconveniences, these real hardships, life still goes on. The general health is good. The children, blue-eyed with apple-red cheeks, are neat and clean. Though there are no books for their lessons, they go to school, bringing wood with them in the morning to heat the room, and the nuns teach them as best they can in the circumstances. They are bright, nice-mannered children, and for them indeed the whole thing is rather a lark.

It is wonderful with what spirit these people, snatched away from comfortable homes, bear their lot. I went to see some stables standing in the grounds of a chateau;

by SOMERSET MAUGHAM

and the wind blew bitter through the aisle. The lovely pulpit with its delicate carving had been boarded up. All was cold and grim and bare. It had already the look of the wreck of a church.

THE city is waiting for destruction. Of that cathedral, which in the middle ages was considered one of the marvels of

1.—"All Quiet on the Western Front," says the communiques, but this photograph was taken only three weeks ago. When it really starts—

2.—This is what happens to a city. Photograph on left was taken at Ypres in the last war.

third time in seventy years that its economic life had been disturbed by war. Many of the manufacturers have removed to places where they could set up their factories in safety, and unless peace brought them security for the future they would never return.

"It is a dead city," he said.

"No," I answered, "only sleeping."

He sighed. "That is what I hope, but it is a sleep from which the awakening will be bitter."

A little while later I visited the districts in the Charente to which the refugees from Alsace and Lorraine have been evacuated.

The department which I visited is a poor one, it has 300,000 inhabitants and 35,000 refugees from the Moselle have been distributed among its towns and villages, but its habits and its standards of life are very different from those to which the people of more prosperous Lorraine have been accustomed. It was not easy for the authorities to find lodging for this great number of persons. There were plenty of

there were six stalls and in each was a straw mattress on the ground, without sheets, and in each stall two persons slept. A tiny room at the side, I suppose the old harness room, was their living room. There was an open fireplace with a pot boiling over two sticks.

I asked a woman whether there was anyone at the chateau. "No," she said, "the proprietors only come down in the summer."

A smile broke on her healthy face. "It would be nice if they let us sleep in the servant's rooms," she said. "To sleep in a stable—well our Saviour was born in one." A woman with a sense of humour.

Work is gradually being secured for the refugees on the land or in factories with adequate wages. The unemployed receive from the State ten francs a day for each adult and six francs for each child under thirteen. They have large families, and two or three families often pool their resources, so that their meals are good and copious.

the world, it may be that not one stone will stand upon another.

And as if to call my attention to this dreadful possibility, presently high up I saw half a dozen planes. They were allied planes and were, I was told, hunting a Messerschmitt that had been signalled. I watched them till they were lost in a cloud and walked on.

Then, on a sudden, the sinister note of the siren broke the unearthly silence that wraps the city like a shroud; it rang through the stillness with a merciless intensity, echoing through those empty streets so that it seemed to assail you from every direction; and though I had heard it more than once before it had in that deserted city an ominous horror. Two or three men started running, and following them, I found myself at the police station.

There were perhaps a dozen of us, policemen, employees of the municipality and three or four soldiers. They were impatient and exasperated, but facetious.

One friendly stranger told me that a German plane came over the city twice a day at such regular hours that they had called it after the popular French papers, "Paris-Midi" and "Paris-Soir." I lunched with the Mayor, a large heavy man with an open friendly face, who spoke French with an Alsatian accent. He loves his city and he looks forward to what he fears will be its inevitable ruin with anguish. He remains there with his wife to take care of it with courage waits the catastrophe which may at any moment befall.

Trying to reassure him, I suggested that the Germans were unlikely to bomb what they still regarded as a German city.

"They shelled it in 1870," he answered. "They ran excursion trains from towns on the other side of the Rhine so that, sight, seem might see Strasbourg burn." But even though the city is as yet spared the ravages of war its future fills him with misgiving. He reminded me that this was the

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## Fashionable Furs

SILVER fox, which has been a popular vogue for several seasons, still holds its own: both as a tie, or as a cape, it continues in favour.

Among the new styles this season is the silver fox cape designed with furshus running down instead of round. The effect is to provide an attractive frame for the face, for although the capes are collarless, the fur nestles high on the shoulders. For evening wear, capes of white foxskin dyed blue have found acceptance.

Copper-tinted silver fox ties and capes are featured in fur displays. Only the top hairs of the silver fox are copper-tinted, and the silver sheen shines through. These are quite distinct in hue from natural fox. The colouring is rich and has a delightful autumnal touch. The copper-tinted silver foxskins made their appearance a few months ago.

In fur coats, the requirement today is for a medium-priced garment which "cleans" in appearance, is practical and warm—a coat, in fact, which can be worn equally well in country or town.

There is a preference for coats which hang straight down, though some are shaped. The new blended musquash with the narrow stripe, and the bronze seal, which is both hard-wearing and smart, have considerable appeal. For evening wear dyed ermine is still in demand.

Dyed Canadian squirrel skins worked in the same manner as dyed ermine have been much in favour for coats. Persian lamb is similarly in demand when worked into smart three-quarter coats, usually with a small collar.

While both dyed and flank musquash have a prominent place in the displays there is a considerable vogue for beaver lamb because it wears well, is not too bulky, and is both warm and smart.

The beaver lamb coats have the full swing back, and the accentuated square shoulders.

Ocelot coats which in peace-time were mainly associated with sporting occasions, find favour with many who are now obliged to live in the country. Some of the ocelot coats may be seen with beaver facings.

For visibility, white beaver lamb, which is hard-wearing, is a choice. It is warm, and has a neat "teddy bear" appearance.

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# "Socks Please, Sister Susie!"

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2ND article telling knitters exactly what the men in the services really need.

GETTING into an airfield these days, even with an official pass, is an exciting business.

But before well inside, a visitor had asked two of the men and the orderly sent as a guard, just what the R.A.F. most needed in the way of comforts.

"Long socks," said the guards. "Long socks," said the orderly. And when she got to the young adjutant in his sanitum he smiled. "Well," he said, "you'd better see the equipment officer . . . but I think the men want long socks."

So it was hardly a surprise when Flight-Lieutenant Mackintosh presented a typewritten list of the requirements of his men to see that it was headed by

## 420 PAIRS OF LONG SOCKS

These can be any colour. For they are required solely but urgently to wear under the gum-boots that are a necessity for all ground staff, and for airmen too around the base.

They must be long enough to come right up to the knees and double down for extra warmth and as a protection to the trousers from friction with the boots. They all wear them, especially in France, so if your man in R.A.F.—long socks!

And they can all do with gloves—long wristed, but designed to wear under not over, the sleeves of their jackets.

That should keep you knitting this week, anyway.

## SHORT CUTS

Don't cut freshly made cake until it cools—unless you do not mind if it is unattractive.

If you have made your frosting a bit too soft and the layer cake is inclined to slip off unevenly, run a few toothpicks through the layers to hold them in place until the icing hardens.

## Some Butter-Saving Hints

DON'T waste butter by allowing it to stick to the wrapping paper. To make sure it all comes off, put it under the cold tap before you unwrap it. Use the greasy paper for lining cake tins or wrapping sandwiches.

In cold weather when you have to melt butter, only warm as much as you require at the moment and never absent-mindedly leave it in the oven to go to oil.

A good way of making butter spread easily is to mix it with milk in the proportion of a pound to a pint. Put the butter in a basin, warm the milk and pour it over, then cream them well together with a spoon.

Another way is to mix together equal parts of butter and margarine. Warm them slightly, cream them well together, shape and put into a cool place.

### Use Dripping

Make good use of any dripping you can get from your meat. Good dripping can be substituted for butter in making pastry, especially if it is to be used for savoury pies, and it will also make you a good family cake. Spread on wholemeal bread with plenty of salt and a touch of Worcester sauce, dripping is delicious. Bacon fat is useful for frying when the bacon flavour is no objection, as in the case of sausages and chops.

If you are in the habit of adding a few dabs of butter to a milk pudding, put a spoonful of finely chopped suet in the pudding instead. This gives extra nutriment and makes it delightfully creamy.

To take the place of butter, other foods which contain fats and oils should be eaten freely. Nuts have plenty of fat in them, and though most fruits contain none there is a little in bananas, grapes, dates, and raisins.

### A Valuable Fat

Olive oil is a valuable fat that could be used more than it is in this country. You may not like the idea of using it much for cooking, but a steak grilled in olive oil is really good. Sardines tinned in oil are really good. Sardines tinned in oil are really good. As a matter of course, though most of us throw away the surplus oil. However, it could easily be used for fry-

## Here's How To Knit Them

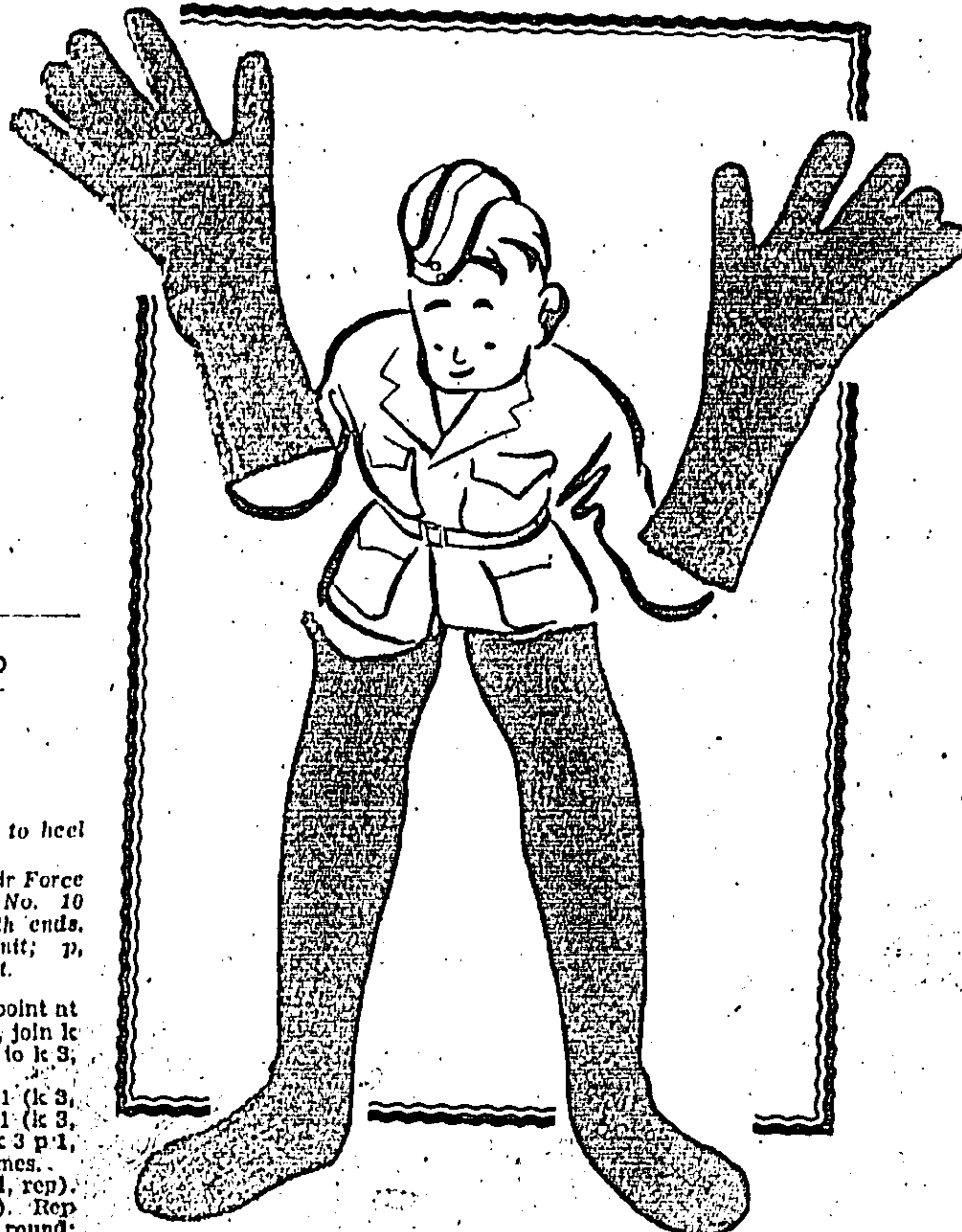
### LONG SOCKS

MEASUREMENTS: Length to heel 21 inches, foot 11 inches.

MATERIALS: 7ozs. 3-ply Air Force blue wheeling wool, four No. 10 knitting needles, point at both ends. ABBREVIATIONS: K, knit; P, purl; tog, together; rep, repeat.

USING four No. 10 needles, point at both ends. Cast on 60 sts, join k 2, p 2 for 32 rounds. Change to k 3, p 1, work 18 rounds.

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Divide sts twenty-four for heel with leave 3 sts turn. K 13 sts, k 2 tog, k decreases in the centre, transfer 1, leave 1 st turn. P 14 sts, p 2 tog, p 1, leave 1 st turn. K 10 sts, k 2 tog, p 1, leave 1 st turn. P 2 tog, k 2 tog, k 10 sts. Pick up 14 sts at left side of heel, k 3, p 1, 24 sts from at holder. Pick up 14 sts on right side of heel, leaving 24 sts on each side needle, 24 sts on front. Work 1 round.

Heel: K 1, slip 1, rep. p back rep last 2 rows 12 times.

K 16 sts, k 2 tog, k 1, leave 5 sts turn. P 10 sts, p 2 tog, p 1, leave 5 sts turn. K 11 sts, k 2 tog, k 1, leave 5 sts turn. P 12 sts, p 2 tog, p 1, 2nd round: K 20 sts, k 2 tog (k 3, p 1, rep 24 sts), k 2 tog, k 20 sts Work 1 round.

4th round: K 10 sts, 2 tog (k 3, p 1, rep 24 sts), k 2 tog, k 10 sts. Work 1 round. Rep last 2 rounds until 12 sts remain on each side needle and 24 on front needle then continue without further shaping for 36 rounds.

Toe: Beginning at left side needle, k 10 sts, k 2 tog, k 2 tog, k 20 sts, k 2 tog, k 2 tog, k 10 sts. Work 1 round. Rep dec at the same places every second round until 16 sts remain. Knit tog and cast off or graft the toe.

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### LEFT GLOVE

CAST on 48 sts, k 2, p 2 for 38 rounds. 39th round: Knit. 40th round: P 1, k 3, p 1, knit remainder. 41st round: Repeat 40th round. 42nd round: P 1, k 1, inc 1, k 1, p 1, knit remainder. Continue increasing at the same place every 4th round until sts for the thumb are increased to p 1, k 17, p 1, then work 6 more rounds.

First finger: Knit 6 sts, slip 36 sts on to thread of wool. Cast on 2 sts, knit remaining 9 sts, Knit for 26 rounds. 29th round: K 2 tog all round, draw in remaining sts.

Second finger: Take next 6 sts at each side, pick up 3 sts between finger, then cast on 3 sts. Knit 32 rounds, finish same as 1st finger. Third finger: Take next 6 sts









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## Loan Or Taxes?

HAD NOT the Hongkong Govern-  
ment financed Loan Works such  
as the Jubilee Reservoir, the Kai  
Tack Airport and the Central Market  
from the Colony's Excess of Assets  
over Liabilities (pending reimburse-  
ment from two Loans which are to  
be floated at some nebulous date in  
the future), it would have been a  
comparatively simple matter to have  
made a substantial initial contribu-  
tion to the Empire war effort  
without having recourse to new taxa-  
tion.

Since, however, the Colony's  
visible Treasury balance has been re-  
duced from \$17,000,000 to \$3,000,000  
by advances pending reimbursement,  
any donation from this source is out  
of the question.

Nevertheless, there seems no valid  
reason why the vexed question of  
the Colony's contribution to the  
Imperial War Chest should not be  
answered by the less painful and  
completely voluntary method of War  
Loan rather than by direct taxation.  
This method was used by Hong-  
kong in the Great War and obviated  
the necessity for additional taxation  
until July 1, 1917—three years after  
the outbreak of hostilities—when a  
special War Tax of seven per cent.  
was levied on Property for a period  
of two years.

The 1916 Hongkong War Loan was  
quickly over-subscribed and—again  
without recourse to extra taxation—  
was repaid within a decade or so of  
the Armistice.

To-day, as regards Public Debt,  
Hongkong is one of the most fortune-  
ate countries in the world. The  
Colony's Public Debt on December 1  
last stood at less than \$10,000,000  
(\$1,000,000) or roughly two-fifths  
of our annual income. Of the  
British Colonies which obtain ap-  
proximately the same revenue, Uganda  
has a Public Debt of \$2,230,000,  
Mauritius of \$3,000,000 and  
British Guiana of \$4,857,000.  
Many parts of the Empire in receipt  
of less revenue have higher Public  
Debts. Among them are:

	Revenue	Public Debt
Jersey	514,000	\$1,200,000
Guernsey	522,000	1,400,000
Fiji Islands	799,000	1,414,000
Jamaica	2,000,000	4,000,000
Newfoundland	2,000,000	20,000,000
Tanganyika	3,000,000	8,000,000
Kenya	3,000,000	17,000,000

Debts of other Colonies are:  
Ceylon £13,000,000  
Straits Settlements 12,000,000  
F.M.S. 11,500,000  
Gold Coast 11,435,000  
Nigeria 24,705,000

It has been argued that the people  
of this Colony should make great  
sacrifices in order to prove their  
loyalty to the cause for which the  
Empire is fighting. But we weren't  
accused of disloyalty when we did  
not follow the lead of the Mother-  
land in the 1914-18 War. In fact,  
the people of this Colony, in addi-  
tion to over-subscribing the local  
War Loan of \$3,000,000 in the last  
War, invested in British war loans  
the amazing total of £6,090,000  
which, at current rates of exchange,  
is approximately \$110,000,000. This  
amount, it should be emphasised,  
was voluntarily subscribed at the  
rate of £1,078,000 per annum for  
four years—double the amount which  
Government proposes to raise to-day  
through extra taxation, and more  
than the entire Government revenue  
of each of those years.

The Colony's voluntary effort  
in the last war did not end with  
this extraordinary financial con-  
tribution. We raised £41,000 for

WHAT are the Peace  
Aims of the British  
Government? Mr.  
Chamberlain objects  
when asked to define them.

To do so, he said in the House  
of Commons would be futile and  
dangerous. Dangerous to whom,  
I wonder?

He considers that a determina-  
tion to defeat Hitlerism, combined  
with vague aspirations towards a  
"Utopian Europe" after the war,  
is all that a nation engaged upon  
struggle which may prove the  
greatest in its history needs to sus-  
tain it.

He considers that such aspira-  
tions—the rosy bubbles of Sun-  
day evening eloquence—are in  
themselves sufficient to entitle us  
to the sympathy and confidence of  
the great neutrals and of the  
German people.

I do not agree.  
The defeat of Hitlerism—is, of  
course, vital. But as I said last  
week, it is not a Peace Aim. It is a  
War Aim. If we do not achieve it  
then we need not worry ourselves  
about the future of Europe. It  
will be a Nazi Europe.

But if we succeed, as we must  
succeed, what then?

The last war cost the nations of  
the world some seven million lives  
and at least seventy thousand  
million pounds in money. This  
war may cost no less before it is  
finished.

It is a big price to pledge in ad-  
vance for Mr. Chamberlain's  
castle in the sky, of which we must  
not even ask to see the plans.

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain talking in vague generalities  
about a new Europe with a new  
spirit? There were plenty of fine

the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund and  
£176,000 for the War Charities Fund  
Committee. From the Colony's sur-  
plus balances and the proceeds of the  
1916 Hongkong War Loan, a total of  
\$10,250,000 was remitted as a special  
contribution to the Imperial Govern-  
ment.

Additionally, the Colony was in-  
volved in a local war expenditure of  
\$1,854,292 for such items as main-  
tenance of prisoners of war and their  
families, cable and postal communi-  
cations, transport of recruits to and  
from England, war propaganda, etc.  
It is interesting to note in this con-  
nection that the highest items were  
\$202,000 as special allowances to  
Civil Servants at the Front and  
\$300,737 as a special War Allowance  
to Civil Servants—over one-third of  
the total amount expended in the  
Colony on the local war effort going  
to Civil Servants.

These totals did not include the  
cost of maintenance of the Hongkong  
Defence Reserve, which was mobilised,  
or the Colony's usual Military  
Contribution to the Imperial Govern-  
ment.

It should be emphasised that Hong-  
kong's revenue during the 1914-18  
war years was less than two-fifths  
of the total revenue obtaining to-day.  
Yet the Colony was able to finance  
all these war undertakings by having  
recourse to only one War Loan and  
by the imposition, during the last  
two years of the war, of a seven per  
cent. levy on Property. It would  
certainly appear that the Government  
of those days was able to function

moral speeches during the last war.  
And look at the result.

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain telling us that the new  
Europe will come into being gradu-  
ally over many years? If the his-  
tory of the world has any lesson, it  
is that what is good does not simply  
triumph of its own goodness.

Those who wish to alter the  
world for the better must think  
hard and work hard. They must  
know what they are prepared to  
sacrifice and what price they are  
ready to pay.

Says Mr. Chamberlain, it does  
not need a war to bring the idea  
of a better world into men's minds.  
Well, Mr. Chamberlain has been  
either head, or an influential mem-  
ber, of the Government of this  
country for the past eight years.  
What sort of a new world has he  
tried to make in that time? What  
sort of a world has he in fact  
assisted in making?

Why should he consider that on  
his word alone or on that of any  
member of his Government, the  
people of Britain, the people of the  
neutral countries, the people of  
Germany, shall rest assured that  
after the war there will be estab-  
lished "a new Europe in which the  
nations will approach their diffi-  
culties with good will and toler-  
ance?"

That is too big an assumption to  
accept on the mere word of any  
man in the world.  
It comes from that same stock-  
pot of complacency and wishful  
self-delusion out of which came

on an efficient war-time basis.

The fact that taxpayers in the  
United Kingdom are being called  
upon to face an Income Tax of 7s.  
in the £ is explained in some ques-  
ters in Hongkong as if, almost, it  
were a virtue, and it has been ad-  
vanced as the chief reason why  
Hongkong should make an equal  
sacrifice. The idea is ridiculous in  
view of the dissimilarity of financial  
and economic problems existing in  
Motherland and Colony. The United  
Kingdom already had, at the out-  
break of War, a Public Debt of  
£7,002,000,000, or £172 per capita—  
a Debt which has since been in-  
creased by £1,000,000,000. Nothing  
Hongkong or any of the Dominions  
or Colonies can do—no sacrifice,  
however great, they are prepared to  
make—can alter this unalterable  
fact: the United Kingdom, rich as  
she is, must have recourse to in-  
creasingly heavy taxation if the  
Public Debt is not to impose an  
economic and financial burden too  
staggering for the people to bear.

That position does not obtain in  
Hongkong. We have a Public Debt  
which, compared with most other  
Colonies, is infinitesimal. It can be  
increased fifteen or twentyfold with-  
out straining our economic resources  
or imposing a burden which would  
make the annual Budget a problem.  
For at least three years—the  
period, incidentally, that Britain has  
prepared herself for war—this  
Colony can finance its entire war  
effort without in any way disturb-  
ing or impairing the existing econo-

the watery soup of appeasement,  
the sawdust banquet of "peace in  
our time."

Good will and tolerance and a  
new order of international society  
will not spring unbidden from the  
soil of war.

It is, of course, true that Britain  
will not alone have the making of  
the peace after the war. It is, of  
course, true that no one can yet  
foresee what shape the new fron-  
tiers of Europe will take.

But the durability of the peace  
will not depend solely on frontiers.  
It will depend in no small mea-  
sure upon the economic stability  
of the post-war world—upon the  
avoidance of such another econo-  
mic crisis as has previously always  
followed war.

If there had been no economic  
crisis in 1931, we should, I firmly  
believe, have been at peace to-day.  
It was not the Versailles Treaty  
which made Hitler master of Ger-  
many. It was the economic de-  
pression.

The Versailles Treaty—or rather  
certain clauses of the treaty—gave  
him his first inspiration and pro-  
vided him with the raw material  
of his first propaganda. But econo-  
mic depression was the recruiting  
sergeant which brought him to  
power.

If the present war leaves behind  
it the same legacy of economic dis-  
organisation and financial chaos  
we shall see the same destruction  
of fine ideals; the same emergence  
of dark and barbaric forces; the  
same world-wide impoverishment.

What have Mr. Chamberlain and  
his colleagues in mind to prevent  
that happening? What sacrifice  
of economic privilege are they pre-  
pared to contemplate? What pool-  
ing of world resources, what con-  
trol of finance are they ready to  
accept?

## Lindbergh Out Of Air Job

WASHINGTON.  
Colonel Charles Lindbergh has re-  
signed his membership of the National  
Advisory Committee on Aeronautics,  
not because of any immediate break  
with the Administration but owing to  
cumulative causes.

He has realised for months that he  
was out of tune with the Government.  
This manifested itself first publicly  
when he openly opposed the Presi-  
dent's plan to repeal the arms em-  
bargo and lent himself to the Isola-  
tionists' cause while the Senate was  
debating the issue.

He has also been under attack in  
many quarters for his close relation-  
ship with the Nazi regime and for  
receiving a decoration from Hitler.

Finally he incurred further hos-  
tility from the Press for his arrogant  
attitude toward it. President Roose-  
velt had no hesitation in accepting  
his resignation.

mic system. It can finance our  
contributions for that period on a  
truly voluntary basis—on a basis  
which would indicate more clearly  
than compulsory taxation the unani-  
mity of our people's desire to aid the  
Motherland.

pared to contemplate? What pool-  
ing of world resources, what con-  
trol of finance are they ready to  
accept?

Mr. Chamberlain declares that  
the British colonial system is al-  
ready operated as an international  
trusteeship. Has he so soon for-  
gotten the Ottawa Agreement  
which reduced the proportion of  
German goods entering British  
markets duty free from 60 per cent.  
to 45 per cent. and gave to that  
country and to Japan, which was  
even more hardly hit, a new excuse  
for aggression?

I remember writing, as that  
agreement was signed, that the  
effect of the policy of Imperial  
Preference in increasing economic  
inequality among nations and  
strengthening the forces making  
for war, could not easily be exag-  
gerated.

I do not, in the light of events,  
feel that I have anything to with-  
draw.

Are we going to make the same  
mistakes again? Or are we going  
to fight this war with a practical  
ideal in front of us? And are we  
prepared to tell the world what our  
contribution to the new world  
order will be?

Of course we cannot draw up in  
advance the terms of a Peace  
Treaty whose date and circum-  
stances we cannot know. Of course  
we cannot assume that our ideas  
will alone prevail when the peace  
conference is held, for whatever  
the terms of peace, they must be  
negotiated, not dictated.

But there are certain things we  
can do. I ask Mr. Chamberlain if  
he will do them now. Will  
he, as an evidence of sincerity, give  
these three guarantees?

(1) Will he announce that  
after the war Britain will give  
full democratic freedom to  
India and to any of our  
Colonial dependencies which  
for it, the decision, in case of  
dispute, to rest, not with  
Britain, but with an Inter-  
national Court?

(2) Will he announce his  
Government's readiness to  
place the whole of our non-  
self-governing possessions  
under international mandate  
to be administered under inter-  
national supervision for the  
common good as a free trade  
area with none but strictly  
revenue tariffs?

(3) Will he guarantee that  
Britain will not accept any in-  
crease of territory as a conse-  
quence of the war, and will not  
demand, as we did last time,  
financial reparations from the  
defeated enemy?

These undertakings will not  
solve the world's post-war prob-  
lems—much more of planning  
and effort will be needed than that.  
But they will do something to  
help. And they will give to the  
people of Britain, to the people  
of the neutral countries, to the people  
of Germany, an assurance of sin-  
cerity that no smooth promise of a  
vague Utopia can offer.  
If you mean what you say, Mr.  
Chamberlain, give these guaran-  
tees now. If you will not give them,  
then tell the people why not, so  
that they can judge you.



(Dr. Joseph Goebbels has announced that there must be more optimism and joy in Germany.)  
Typical German Scene: Distributing crackers in a concentration camp.

# Questions for the Premier

by FRANCIS WILLIAMS



## SPEECHES COMPARED

### Hitler's Tap-Room Diatribe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The contrast between the speeches of Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain was the subject of comment in the newspapers of the world to-day.

In London the papers expressed warm approval of Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Several of them, including the "Times" and the "Manchester Guardian," quoted in their leading articles those passages of Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he set out the Allied peace aims.

The Labour paper, "Daily Herald," also stressed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that under the present German Government there could be no security for the future.

**Countries Must Be Freed**  
All would welcome a peace based on negotiations, but negotiations must be with German rulers who can guarantee their honesty by freeing the countries which they have invaded.

This reference to the Poles and Czechs is also stressed in other papers both at home and abroad. Commenting on Hitler's diatribe, the "Daily Express" comments on Hitler's move to the left and contrasts this with what he wrote in "Mein Kampf," in which he hoped to fight Russia with British approval, posing as the enemy of Bolshevism. Now he is fighting England with Russian support, so he poses as the enemy of capitalism.

**No Originality**  
His speech contained nothing but threats and displayed no originality. It was a tap-room speech.

Typical of American comment is that of the "New York Herald Tribune," which says that Mr. Chamberlain did not propound peace plans, but had put forward a modest basis for the kind of peace which could be obtained if, for instance, the German Army overthrew the Nazis and offered to make a reasonable settlement.

Contrast this with Hitler's ruthless and inhuman diatribe, says the paper. One has only to put the two speeches together to realise where lie the better conditions for Europe and the world.

### Mystery Radio Station

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Post Office engineers believe that the "new British Broadcasting Company" from which anti-British propaganda was heard on Sunday night is a low power station operating somewhere in "a distant part of the Continent."

**Muddled Views**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A few radio listeners in Britain heard on Sunday a pathetic attempt to promote or provoke feeling against the British Government.

A radio station calling itself the new British Broadcasting Station with announcements in English came on the air but gave no indication of where it was located.

The announcer spoke as one Briton to another and talked at some length about the British war aims. His commentary was chiefly notable for the muddled views displayed.

The broadcast ended with the National Anthem.

A similar broadcast by a station purporting to be a French station has also been heard.

### Roosevelt Continues Southern Tour

PANAMA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is returning to Balboa on Tuesday morning, his destroyers will escort the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

President Boyd of Panama will accompany President Roosevelt through the Canal to Cristobal, after which the President will proceed direct to Pensacola.

## No Brass Bands Greet Arrival of Canadians

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A description of the landing of the first squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Sunday at a north-western coastal port was broadcast from Daventry yesterday by a BBC observer.

The most striking aspect of the landing, he said, was its simplicity.

There were no brass bands or cheering crowds.

It was not an occasion for eye-wash, it was an actual incident in war time and an important one.

A complete squadron, trained and equipped on active service, was landing according to pre-arranged plans. It was a grey misty morning and the ship was close on shore when it was first sighted.

**Broke Into Song**  
As soon as the men disembarked they were "fallen-in." As they did so they kept on bursting out into song which those on shore could hear as the ship came into view.

A song, written by one of the squadron's own officers, is entitled "We've got a lovely war to win." A recording of the men singing this song was broadcast by the BBC as the observer commented, "It's got lots of kick in it."

Although there were one or two short speeches the occasion was not

## Tin Market Buoyant

### High Prices Attained In Forward Buying

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Following the International Tin Committee's decision to fix the quota for the second quarter at 80 per cent., business was transacted in forward tin up to £264 among office dealings, representing a rise of £7½ on the official closing.

While some sections of the market have discussed for some time a cut between 30 and 40 per cent, the decision came as a surprise to the majority of tin merchants and such reduction in the quota had not been discounted in the trading.

Market circles agree that under the new quota, production approximates the current consumption, but leaves no margin for possible contingencies.

**U.K. Stocks Comfortable**  
At the same time, it is not overlooked that the United Kingdom stock position is now comfortable, as the authorities to grant export licences more freely.

Some are of the opinion that the Committee's decision may have been influenced by possible representations on the Netherlands' interests for a higher price to view the 14 per cent decline in the value of sterling since the war.

The opinion is held that any such claim would undoubtedly be supported by the British in view of the importance of tin as a source of foreign exchange.

## British Pilot Decorated

### "Magnificent Courage"

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Squadron Leader Andrew Douglas Farquhar of the Auxiliary Air Force in recognition of gallantry displayed against the enemy.

The Air Ministry states that "Farquhar led his squadron with magnificent dash and courage on several occasions," and during this month while on patrol brought down an enemy plane by shooting so accurately that only a small amount of ammunition was expended.

## COMMON GROUND IN DENIALS

### Newspaper's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Commenting on the speeches made by Mr. Chamberlain and Hitler, the "Washington Post" finds "some common ground" in Hitler's denial that he seeks world domination and Mr. Chamberlain's denial that the Allies seek to encompass the destruction of Germany and adds that "Mr. Chamberlain holds out to Germany a pledge of co-operation."

"It will be Mr. Sumner Welles' mission to find out if this common ground is sufficient to support a peace effort, or whether the only alternative is to fight to the bitter end," concludes the paper.

## S. Rhodesia's War Contribution

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A communique on the recent conversations between the United Kingdom and the Minister of Defence for Southern Rhodesia yesterday.

An agreement was reached, says the communique, on the financial aspects of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia during the war and arrangements were made to use the ground air forces of Southern Rhodesia to the best possible advantage.

## AD. SCHEER AT LARGE

### But Deutschland Has Had Enough

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Return of the pocket-battleship Deutschland to a German port leaves the Admiral Scheer as the only German surface craft operating outside German waters; naval circles revealed to-night.

One-third of the German submarine fleet—believed by experts to be the maximum that can be operated on the high seas at any one time—continues to prowls the waters of the North Sea and the Atlantic.

These U-boats and mines, thus far, have borne the main burden of Germany's thrust against Britain, and are responsible for the greater part of the Allied losses.

Aerial mine-laying is believed to have proved too costly and inefficient in comparison with the U-boats, which also plant mines. The German air fleet, however, had considerable success in its bombing operations.

**Close Nazi Secret**  
The navy has made a close official secret the number of U-boats that Germany now has, how many she is building, and how many have been sunk.

I asked authorized circles to-night if there was any announcement expected regarding submarine losses. "I see no reason to expect an announcement," he declared. Later he refused to answer whether his statement meant there had been no German losses.

Well-informed neutral sources believe Germany had about 71 submarines shortly after the beginning of the war, and is now turning out six to eight U-boats a month. By the end of this year, German production will reach a maximum rate of two boats every three days, which is 20 a month or 240 a year.

**Men, Not Ships**

In London, British naval circles pointed out that losses of U-boats should not be measured in terms of numbers sunk, but in terms of crews that are lost. They pointed out it takes years of experience for naval officers to become proficient at handling submarines, while crews are always hand-picked and highly trained. They claimed it was easy to build submarines but extremely hard to build up good personnel.

Neutral sources believe that about 20 German U-boats have been sunk. These same sources believe the British will have to double the present rate of sinking to keep ahead of German building. They recalled the British reached a maximum rate of eight to ten sinkings a month towards the end of the World War, and boasted a war-long average of 4½ monthly.

German submarine building on a mass production basis is believed now to occupy about 70 of the 75 existing berths, while most remaining facilities are devoted to completing such ships as the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz.

**240 U-Boats A Year**  
With each berth able to handle two or more U-boats, this means that about 150 building-places are available. It is estimated that it takes about nine months to build each boat, which gives an average of 240 that can be built each year.

Some delay occurred as a result of the freeing of canals during the past month, it is understood.

To facilitate mass production, the Germans are believed to be concentrating on the 250, 500 and 740-ton classes. Experts discount repeated rumours the Germans are building a swarm of midsize U-boats since this would disrupt the present mass production equipment and boats smaller than 250 tons are impelled by the North Sea storms and have only a limited range.

## Arming Our Trawlers

### Tremendous Task Makes Progress

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—In the House Commons to-day, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Fisheries Secretary to the Admiralty, said that the defensive arming of trawlers and coasting vessels in the North Sea was proceeding with all speed.

He said that the machine guns which were supplied to Finland were not so suitable for anti-aircraft defence as those now being fitted to trawlers and coasting steamers.

The problem of arming all ships, he said, was one of very great magnitude.

He assured the House that it was going on and was not being held up in any way by the fact that arms were being sent to Finland.

**Working At Top Speed**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—British shipyards are filled up with orders, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said yesterday afternoon.

The speed of their output will be increased, he said, and new yards will be arranged.

## Hongkong Aid For Finns

The total donations to the "Friends of Finland Fund" have now reached \$10,075.

A further £200 was remitted by telegraphic transfer on Saturday, making a total contribution from Hongkong of £600.

## Continuance Of Trade Pact Programme

### Strongly Urged By Mr. Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The resolution for continuing the United States present trade pact programme for three years from June 12, which was approved by the House of Representatives on Friday, will be considered by the Senate this week.

The resolution is expected to receive a majority of at least eight in the Senate.

Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing the Senate Finance Committee, declared that the continuance of the trade programme was necessary to help to establish sound world conditions after the war.

**Future Dark, Unless—**

"Unless we continue to maintain our position of leadership in the promotion of liberal trade policies and urge upon others the need for adopting such policies as a basis for post-war economic reconstruction the future will be dark indeed," he said.

"At the termination of hostilities, there will be an unprecedented need for world-wide and for vastly increased production of useful goods of every kind. Only if this vital need is met can our country and all the other countries hope for full employment and higher living standards," he concluded.

Washington is jubilant at the resolution of approval made by the House of Representatives.

## U.S. Loan To China

### Japan Is Seriously Concerned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The proposed new American loan to China formed the subject of comment by the spokesman of the Foreign Office during to-day's Press conference.

The spokesman warned that the loan, if granted, would be regarded by Japan with serious concern, even if it does not directly foster Chungking's resistance to Japan.

The spokesman admitted that a foreign loan to China in any form would certainly strengthen the political situation for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

## Mr. Welles Off To See Hitler

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Berlin on Tuesday night. He saw Signor Mussolini at Venezia Falce last night.

**Hour's Talk With Duce**  
ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles' talk with Signor Mussolini lasted about an hour.

Immediately afterwards, Mr. Welles returned to his hotel and declined to make a statement.

**Lively Italian Interest**  
ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Italian indifference to Mr. Sumner Welles' visit suddenly gave way to an atmosphere of lively interest after he had

## Bitter Japanese Attack On Sir Victor Sassoon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Domei).—The prediction that the Japanese People will soon turn against their Army because of the impending economic collapse and the "belief that much is supposed to go to the Army is sticking to the fingers of the Army's higher-ups," assertedly made at New York on February 24 by Sir Victor Sassoon, the well-known British financier in China has been vigorously assailed by the Japanese Embassy spokesman.

The spokesman described Sir Victor's statements as a "grave slander not only against the Japanese Army but also against the Japanese people."

Japanese military and naval spokesmen associated themselves with this attack, which, the spokesman remarked, was based upon the assumption that Mr. Sassoon had not been misquoted.

**Jews In Shanghai**  
The report quoting Sir Victor has caused "painful surprise" among Shanghai's Japanese community and officials, the spokesman said.

"In their eyes Sir Victor is a member of the Jewish Race," he added. "The Japanese authorities have given serious consideration to the given serious consideration to the Jewish question and the settlement of Jewish emigrants in Shanghai."

"Over 10,000 Jews have been residing in peace and security in the Japanese defence sector in Shanghai because of this considerate attitude of the Japanese authorities," he based upon humanitarian grounds.

It is regrettable that such a prominent member of the Jewish Race should have demonstrated such a lack of appreciation for the Japanese attitude.

The Japanese authorities have even restricted the influx of Japanese civilians into Shanghai because of the inevitable housing shortage such mass arrivals would precipitate, but

## MOSLEMS' FATE

### Safe With Britain But Imperilled By Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

—The Cairo paper, "Al-Ahram," in an article by Deputy Ahmed Mokhtar entitled "England and Islam," draws a striking comparison between the fate of Moslems under Britain and those under Nazis and Bolsheviks.

Deputy Mokhtar relates how, during a visit to India, he was pleased to observe that the Moslems enjoyed every religious and cultural liberty, "and not only in India but all parts of the British Empire."

Deputy Mokhtar goes on to describe the massacre and persecution of Moslems under the Bolsheviks, "who have oppressed their religion and beliefs and confiscated schools and mosques. Such is the life of Moslems under brutal Bolshevism."

**Moslems' Present Peril**

"Regarding Nazis, the human mind cannot imagine what Moslems might suffer if they fell under the Nazi regime. We have plenty of examples of the atrocities they commit against the conquered without any regard for sacred human rights."

"We have no doubt that all Moslem leaders appreciate the peril at the present moment and will find no way of escaping the threats of Bolshevism and Nazism and of exterminating them except by co-operating with Britain and France until victory over the aggressors is obtained."

"Our interest is interest in world peace, which lies in the victory of Britain."

## TWO STEAMERS TORPEDOED

HENDAYE, France, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It has been confirmed that the Spanish steamer Bandera, which was reported on February 21 to have been destroyed by an explosion, was torpedoed by a U-boat.

**British Ship Lost**

GLASGOW, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The 4,998 tonner Loch Maddy was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 22. Four lives were lost and 35 survivors were picked up by a warship which was believed to have sunk the U-boat.

**Swedish Vessel Sunk**

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that the 3,480 ton Swedish steamer Santos has been sunk in the northern region of the North Sea. Thirty people were aboard including a number of passengers.

Up to the present it is reported that 12 have been saved.

## New Stamp Will Symbolise Amity

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The issuing of an Anglo-French postage stamp later in the year as a symbol of Anglo-French unity is now being discussed between the British Postmaster General and the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

seen Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano.

Immediately after Mr. Welles had seen Count Ciano in the morning, the Italian Foreign Minister hurried to the Palazzo Venezia and spent half an hour, laying the gist of the talk before Il Duce.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

K.C.C. SHOULD BE GRATEFUL

Rifle Shooting SUNDAY'S MEET ATTRACTS RECORD ENTRIES

Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, the last before the annual Blaise Meeting which takes place from March 27 to April 1, inclusive, attracted the record attendance of 150 competitors.

Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the "A" range was not available, considerable congestion was caused with only eight targets on the "B" range, and consequently the original programme of 200, 600 and 600 yards had to be curtailed to the first two ranges only.

Team interest was displayed in the programme, which was arranged by the 2nd Battalion the Royal Scots, who provided 12 all-round Regimental spoons for competition. These were presented by Mrs. S. E. H. E. White, who was given three hearty cheers.

The Royal Naval Range Staff won the Open Sights team match with 230 points, and were followed by the Hongkong Volunteers Defence Corps "E" team, who were runners-up with 223 points.

The Dockyard Rifle Club won the Aperture Sights team event with 207.3 points, while Royal Scots were runners-up with 237.10 points.

The pairs competition was won by C/Sgt. P. Hale and Cpl. R. Langford, of the Middlesex Regiment, who obtained 123 points out of a possible 140.

REVOLVER SHOOT

Mr. W. A. Tansley again took the net spoon in the revolver shoot at 15 and 20 yards with 60 out of 60, while Lt. G. Dawson, of the Middlesex Regt., won the handicap spoon with 45.

A successful morning was spent in Clay Pigeon shooting, two competitions being held. Lt. Bateman and Surg. Lt. Macdonald, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, who have been unable to attend recently, made a re-appearance, the latter signalling his return by winning both competitions, thus securing two spoons.

In the Single Rifle event of 25 birds, Macdonald got 10, while he secured eight in the Double Rifle event.

Leading Scores on Sunday were as follows:

OPEN SIGHTS	200	600	Total
Sgt. R. J. Heap	20	31	51
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	20	31	51
Lt. G. Dawson	20	31	51
Lt. G. Dawson	20	31	51
Lt. G. Dawson	20	31	51

APERTURE SIGHTS	200	600	Total
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68

SPORTS ADVTs.	200	600	Total
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.	200	600	Total
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
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TO CRAIGENGOWER C.C. FOR BEATING RECREIO

On Saturday last Craigengower served up the surprise of the day when they beat the Recreio. The K.C.C. should be very grateful to them this season as they earlier held the I.R.C. to a draw, incidentally very nearly beating them. K.C.C. are now practically sure of the Shield.

I cannot imagine that when Craigengower were all out for 86 anyone thought they had much chance. Ernie Zimmern alone got over twenty, while the only other double figures were scored by A. R. H. Esmail, Hulse and A. K. Ismail. Ozorio (2/30) met with less than his usual success and E. L. Gosano's 3/34 was less than his usual grace. But L. G. Gosano took three for 11 and A. P. Pereira 2 for four. So far so good. (By the way some of these Recreio lads are going to turn in remarkable bowling figures at the end of the season!)

BUT the opening Recreio bats collapsed completely—usually one of the first four comes off—and the only resistance really offered was when G. N. Gosano and Reed (as in the Civil Service match) pulled things together in a seventh wicket stand of forty odd.

This shows what a miserable failure the rest were for the total was only seventy. Zimmern switched his bowlers about, (five of them collectively sent down 20 overs), and all but Hulse succeeded. F. R. Zimmern had 2 for 20, which 1 for ten, Billie—now back in form—4 for 17 in 8 overs, and very nice tool and Ismail one for nine.

In a way it reminded me of the Recreio and Navy match at the end of last season when the Navy got them out pretty cheap only to fall with the bat. It is a tight fit. I think Recreio are more dangerous trying to get their opponents out than going themselves for runs. It was the collapse I have been expecting. But seeing they kept me waiting for about two seasons they need hardly reproach themselves, save that it will prevent their game with K.C.C. being quite the needful affair it might have been otherwise.

AS USUAL

THE I.R.C. were too much for the C.S.C.C. but the latter have had the worst of luck. Again McLellan and Forrester were unable to turn out and they cannot bring in brilliant substitutes like N. Cassa who got 71. (N.B. This is what Artimus Ward used to call a "goak" and the French a "jambé". I have a pretty good idea who he is. Of course I may be wrong. But "nuff said"). Another trouble of the C.S.C.C. is that Perry is hopelessly overworked—I doubt if any man has played so many innings or bowled so many overs here this season. Whitley has a patch, and accordingly the C.S. bowling—was not! The I.R.C. ran up 189 for four declared—Y. el Arculli (25) A. H. Madar 51 not out.

GRIFFITHS RETURNS

IT was good to see Griffiths back in the side and in form—he hung on gallantly for 59 not out. But Richardson, Perry and Hollidge all failed miserably. (18) shows signs of returning to form but Hawkins, Barrow and Lawrence all had ducks and Whitley only hit out and got 37. Griffiths and he added 67 for the eighth wicket. If the C.S. can get a few more people to come off at once they will do better. Minu 12.1-2-40-1 was in excellent form. But I hear the catching on both sides was shocking.

ARMY WIN

THE Army had little trouble with the University at Sookpoo. Sergeant Webb (congratulations on his promotion unless it is merely a "scorer" one) again came off and has an "in" form. He knocked out 88 not out. Major Harvey and a cheerful 22 and extras 211. Declaring at 177 for 9 the Army had the game in hand. Matthews (20), K. S. On (15) and T. S. Chan (14) alone got double figures. Young—a good left-hander if he is the man I saw bowling about six weeks ago—had the excellent figures of 7-3-10-6.

SECOND DIVISION

CRAIGENGOWER scored eleven more than they did in the first match at the Valley. Their principal scorers were T. Lock (80 not out), A. M. Omar (34) and W. K. Way 28. Declaring at 173 for eight they added the Victory out for 70, of which R. M. Soares got no less than 45 not out, going "in second wicket down. A good performance.

POLICE LOSE

IN a low scoring game on the Police ground, the I.R.C. got the Police out for 88 of which Pope (44) and Loughton (24) scored 60. There were no extras. M. R. Abbas (10.0-3-32-7) did most of the damage. But Pope and Danbrowski bowled well and made the I.R.C. go all the way to win by two wickets. Actually they were all out for 88 runs. Danbrowski, who might have been put on earlier, had 2-0-10-4. This sends the I.R.C. top of the Second Division table with 12 points in 5 games. K.C.C. have a similar number of points but have played one more game.

NON-LEAGUE GAMES

LLOYD played for a very A team of H.K.C.C. against Kowloon who were not at full strength but were less to prices than the Club. They ran up 168 for 7 declared with I. Nancarrow not out 54. I have not seen him but fancy he used to play for the Air Force a little while ago. B. D. Lay got 5 for 33 and put the Club out for the poor score of 81.

CLUB SECONDS WIN

IT is becoming a custom in this very troubled season to borrow school boys or boys who have just left school—to fill up a side, (which side it matters not), when there is a shortage of members from Camp or other reasons. It is, I think, an excellent idea as it gives the youngsters experience of bigger cricket—that is, cricket outside school games—and will probably help the Colony's cricket in two or three years. On Saturday the Club second in a non-League game borrowed F. A. Weller, who made 61 incidentally, Odell and N. L. Smith. Weller's innings was an excellent one. N. L. Smith bowled very well and took five wickets cheaply.

RACE WEEK GAMES

AS usual those who do not care over much for the Social Function of the big Race Meeting got together and played cricket. On Monday the Club took on the Volunteers. Mitchell captained them and had three men obliged to call off on Monday morning but he managed to collect Stark, Finnie and Denyer. The Volunteers ran up 178 for 8 declared and had a pretty useful side, but Capt. Grose and Denyer made a dead end at Ozorio whose three wickets cost him 74 in 7 overs. Curiously enough, Grose and Richardson (13) put up 43 for the first wicket but the latter had to take a ball from Ozorio. One was enough, for he touched it into the slips. Grose went on to get 94 and the Club totalled 198 for 5 wickets—370 runs in the day's cricket!

VOLUNTEERS V. K.C.C.

THE next day Volunteers went over to K.C.C. and, finding the home side short of bowling, ran up 203 for nine declared. With one exception every one got into double figures. They then got their opponents out in the last over. Parsons brought off a splendid catch off a cover slash by Anderson, which would probably have killed him if he had not his hands to it. On this day 358 runs were scored.

VOLUNTEERS OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS

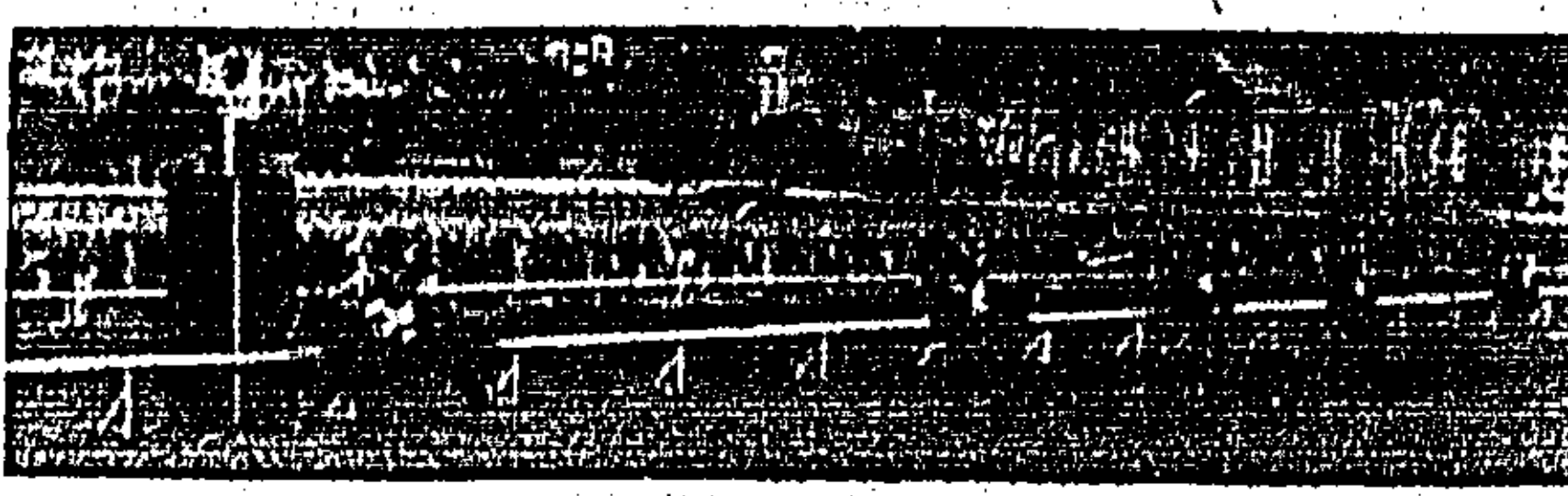
This game on Wednesday does not appear to have obtained much notice chiefly, I imagine, because it was such a filthy afternoon. The officers made a poor start with three down for 88 but Anderson got 72 and Mitchell 55, not out. Griffiths 35 not out, playing his first game of the season made a rather shaky start. Declaration was made at 197 for 4 wickets, but the weather was beastly. Owen Hughes bowled well for his side and took all nine wickets that fell. In fact, many thought that "Walker" and Anderson would be the only two caught Divett off him just at the end but both batsman and umpire disagreed. The total score was 162 for 6 wickets. R. D. Walker (more usually referred to as "Railway") kept very well considering it was the first time in nineteen years!

SUNDAY CRICKET

I hear the Volunteers-University match on Sunday had to be cancelled, but apparently the Army Second took on and beat the Royal Air Force pretty comfortably. The Army only totted 137—Swyer 33 and Gardner 20—but the Air Force could manage no more than 87. I must say, however, that I was surprised to see Hatfield, a regular opening bowler for the first, go on to start for the second eleven. His figures were 84-3-16-6. Nancarrow (21) alone met with any success.

FANLING BOGEY POOL

R. J. K. Walker won the Bogey Pool over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end when he returned a card of six down. There were 11 entries. One of the cards (one down) was marked by Lady and was therefore, disqualified.



The Australian Ponies Champion last Saturday produced one of the closest finishes seen during the Annual Race Meeting, Lan's Far View (H. C. Pitt) just managing to beat by a short head Mr. L. Dunbar's Baffin Bay, which was ridden by H. J. A. Hearn—McC Cheng.

United States Win Hypothetical Olympiad

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—With the Olympic Games for 1940 cancelled, the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has worked out the results of a hypothetical meeting. Their conclusions are based on last year's performances. Adopting the usual points system of 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the first six places, they make the United States winners with 209.3 points. Finland come second with 168 points and Germany, third, with 74.2.

Tsui Yun-Pui To Marry

Tsui Yun-pui, the well-known tennis player and joint-holder of the Colony's Doubles Championship with his brother, Tsui Wai-pui, is shortly to marry Miss Ip Yun-hing, of 10 On Wo Lane. Notice to this effect was given at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

BADMINTON CHANGES

The Colony Badminton championship matches scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, on which date a Colony Black-out will take place, have been postponed a week to Tuesday, March 12, at the same venues and times. The matches concerned are as follows: Men's Doubles Championship—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 a.m.); C. K. Cheah and T. C. Chin v. F. H. and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.); C. and T. Wong v. K. L. and T. Y. Yung (Tahook, 8.20 p.m.).

WIN FOR CHINESE "Y"

Chinese "Y" defeated University "B" by six sets to three in the "B" Division last night. Scores: (Chinese "Y") beat C. K. Cheah and C. K. Chung (Chinese "Y") beat C. K. Cheah and K. B. Low 23-20; beat C. K. Lee and P. H. Wong 21-13; lost to S. L. Yung and T. C. Chin 19-21. P. H. Wong and F. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat Cheah and Low 21-0; beat Lee and Teow 21-13; lost to Yung and Chin 15-21. C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y") lost to Cheah and Low 15-21; beat Lee and Teow 21-10; beat Yung and Chin 21-14.

Why Tommy Farr Left The R.A.F.

Several days ago, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, announced in the House of Commons amidst laughter that Tommy Farr, the famous boxer, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

According to the latest newspapers from Home, Farr was actually discharged from the R.A.F., which he joined on the day following the declaration of war, towards the end of December. Farr, who was reported to be very disappointed over the matter, then made the following statement:

"I went in as a second class air-craftman and I came out with the same rank. I wanted to be an air gunner or an observer. Naturally I had to go through a further medical examination. My left ear and right eye have been giving me trouble for quite a long time.

"I don't think it is very serious or that it will affect my boxing. I feel very miserable about it all, because I was really getting back to normal. I was quite happy and contented with food and conditions in the R.A.F., and, believe me, I am terribly sorry to leave the force. I still want to do my bit, but will take a few days to decide whether I shall join the Army or whatever course will serve the country best.

"Anyway, I will be ready whenever I am wanted. I would like to actually go out to the front and give exhibitions to the troops, if I can, take other famous fighters with me. On the other hand, I may go back to the land and take an active interest in the farm which Job. Churchill, my old friend, runs. But I haven't yet got over the shock of leaving the R.A.F."

Great Britain share sixth place with Norway with 14 points each. Sweden and Japan coming before them. After that come Italy, Australia, Belgium, Estonia, Poland, Peru and the Netherlands.

There is some departure from a strict Olympic programme and the insertion of a mile race gives the only British winner, S. C. Wooderson, the World record holder. There are two other additions to the Olympic programme, 100 yards and two miles.

The A.A.U. award the events of the various countries as follows: UNITED STATES

100 metres:—Jeffrey and Ellerbee, 10.2 seconds.  
200 metres:—Jeffrey, 20.7 sec.  
110 metres hurdles:—Wolcott, 14.1 sec.

High Jump:—Stiers, 6 ft. 9 1/4 ins.  
Pole Vault:—Meadows, 14 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

Discus:—Fox, 175 ft. 6 1/4 ins.  
Weight-putt:—Hackney, 53 ft. 7 ins.

100 yards:—Willbur Greer, Mack Robinson and Brian Dunn (Australia).

FINLAND

2 miles:—Macki, 8 min. 53.2 sec.  
5,000 metres:—Macki, 14 min. 8.8 sec.  
10,000 metres:—Macki, 29 min. 52.3 sec.

Javelin:—Järvinen, 250 feet.  
Hammer:—Beifila, 192 ft. 6 ins.

GERMANY

400 metres:—Harbig, 46 sec.  
800 metres:—Harbig, 1 min. 40.0 sec.  
400 metres hurdles:—Hoellinger, 51.6 sec.

GREAT BRITAIN

Miles:—S. C. Wooderson, 4 min. 7.4 sec.

SWEDEN

1,500 metres:—Anderson, 3 min. 48.8 sec.

JAPAN

Long Jump:—Gengon Kin, 22 ft.

NORWAY

Hop, step and jump:—Hearse Storm, 52 ft.

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

A paper hunt will be held for members of the Cottage Club on Saturday. Riders will gather at the Club House at 3 p.m., where Club ponies will be drawn for.

The hunt will start at 3.30 p.m. and the location will be announced later so that riders of privately-owned ponies can send their mounts to the meet.

Naval Rugby Teams

The following will represent Navy "A" against Royal Engineers to-day on Causeway Bay Ground, at 2 p.m.

Pay: Lt. Stevens, Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Tel. Hall, Sub-Lt. Kennedy, Lt. Carter, Lt. Cdr. Clark, L.S.A. Palmer, L.S. Brown, Ldg. Writer, Barlow, Chief Writer King, A. B. Longmuir, Ldg. Writer Ferns, L.S. Jones, A. B. Noonan.

Reserves:—Moe, Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, S.B.A. Davis, Ltd. Sig. Inglis.

The following will play Rugby for Navy "A" against Club to-morrow on Club Ground, at 5 p.m.

A. N. Other: Moe, Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, Tel. Davidson, S.B.A. Addis, A. B. Hammond, A. N. Other, Ldg. Sig. Inglis, S.B.A. Davis, L.S. Spritt, Ord. Sea Murray, Lt. Lieutenant Taylor, Eng. Lt. Bruce, L.A.C. Gale, L. S. Wilkie.

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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## MODERN POWER PLANT OPENED BY GOVERNOR

### History Of Development Of Kowloon Traced

Designed to house approximately three times the plant now within it and which is adequate for all Kowloon's present needs, the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. new power station at Hok Ua was opened yesterday by the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

About 1,500 people attended the inaugural ceremony, which was held in the huge new boiler house, and were later given refreshments in the turbine room.

By turning a switch on the dais the Governor set the station in motion. Seated on his left was Mr. L. Kadoorie, Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors.

The new power station which stands on reclaimed land inside a gravity sea-wall of massive granite blocks, was designed to accommodate approximately 60,000 K.W. plant capacity. The boiler house is 220 ft. in length, nearly 52 ft. wide, and the roof is 100 ft. from the ground level.

Mr. Kadoorie said: The history of the China Light and Power Company is the history of the development of Kowloon. At the time of its lease in 1858 Old Kowloon had a population of 300,000 people and it is recorded that its soil was considered so worthless that it was thought to be not fit even for the purpose of growing cabbages.

Until the next census in 1941 the population of Kowloon can only be guessed, but trustworthy estimates place the present total at over 1,000,000.

There are among our Directors those who well remember the days when Kowloon went lightless by night. In course of time its few suburban roads—if narrow pathways could be dignified by the term roads—were lighted by kerosene lamps. For what is today Salisbury Road, with its pride of place on the waterfront, there was a 15-ft. avenue skirted by two rows of banana trees interspersed with narrow granite pillars surmounted by oil lanterns which shed their dim light for the few pushers by the water's edge. From the single-deck diminutive steam launch alongside the bamboo pier at Kowloon Point. This pier did duty for the principal landing stage on the peninsula.

Shallow Kowloon Bay, Kowloon Bay, which was very shallow, had not been reclaimed; and not even the most lively imagination could predict that Banana Avenue with its soft sandy surface was leading to a future city destined to become the terminus of land, sea and air communications of the first importance in the Far East.

Formed in 1901 for the primary purpose of taking over a going concern supplying electricity in Canton, the China Light & Power Co. in 1903 began to operate the first power station in Kowloon. After a period of vicissitudes with their often associated "pioneer" ventures, the Company sold its Canton undertaking to the Chinese in 1909, the money thus obtained enabling it for the time being to overcome the serious difficulties with which it was confronted owing to an insufficiency of working capital.

Kowloon's first power station, a very modest and unpretentious building, stood on ground now occupied by the workshops of the Kowloon-Canton Railway at Hung Hom. Its equipment consisted of three small sets of gas engines and generators—two for full time and one for reserve. Upon the completion of the Kowloon-Canton Railway in 1911, when great hopes were raised for the future of Kowloon, the Company decided to scrap most of its old machinery and to install larger units.

First Turbines. In 1916, the Company's first turbines—two 750 K.W.B.T.H. turbo-alternators—were installed and put into operation together with the necessary boiler plant; these turbines, it is interesting to add, are still in service. In the same year, the Company commenced to supply its first large industrial load, as it then appeared—about 300 K.W.

But although the Company's business continued to grow, shareholders received no return on their capital for nine successive years. In fact, from 1910 to 1919, not because profits had not been earned but because they were all required, together with borrowed money, to pay for extensions in all directions.

The conclusion of the Great War marked for the Company a milestone in its history. In the memorable year 1918 a complete reconstruction was carried out; the old station site was exchanged with Government for K.M.L. 33 at Hok Ua, upon which, after it had been reclaimed, was created the power station which has supplied Kowloon with light and power to Kowloon ever since.

Simultaneously with the growth of the business it became necessary to acquire additional areas adjacent to the power station building. This new land, most of which had to be re-

tions, the installation of pump pits, and the construction of intake and discharge culverts) in connection with two further turbo-alternators—of 18,750 K.W. and 30,000 K.W., respectively—has been completed in readiness for the prompt installation of such additional plant as soon as conditions warrant its purchase.

The high tension switch house accommodating the 6,000-volt switch-gear is 110 feet long, 38 feet wide and 17 feet to the ceiling. It is both physically and electrically subdivided into four sections separated by fire-walls and fire-doors, with flame barriers between the interconnector switches. Carbon dioxide fire-fighting equipment and separate oil drainage are provided for each compartment. All gear in this switch house was supplied by Messrs. A. Revell & Co., Ltd., of Hobburn-on-Tyne.

Next to the switch house and adjacent to the turbine room is a five-story block containing, in addition to the Station Superintendent's and other offices, a laboratory, control room, conference room and control room. A separate floor accommodates the multi-store control building which are led through a reinforced concrete duct of ample size to the basement under the switch house.

Will Resist Typhoons. The new power station is in general of steel frame construction, faced with reinforced concrete walls, designed to resist the high pressure of typhoons and to ensure complete water-tightness.

Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider, of London, were the Consulting Engineers in connection with the plant and machinery.

The building was designed by our Consulting Engineer, Mr. S. E. Faber, who was responsible for preparing the drawings and specifications, and under whose direction the work was carried out.

Messrs. Davies, Brooke and Gran, of Hongkong and Shanghai, were the Consulting Architects and the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., under the constant personal supervision of its General Works Manager, Mr. Hugh Bragg, were the General Contractors.

In the construction of the main building and underground work, the following quantities of materials were used:—1,350 tons of structural steel, including 90,000 rivets and bolts; 350 tons of steel bars; 6,000 cubic yards of reinforced concrete; and 2,500 tons of cement supplied by the Green Island Cement Co.

The civil engineering work included the removal of 20,000 cubic yards of earth and 5,000 cubic yards of solid rock.

The Consulting Engineer, the Contractors, and resident representatives of British manufacturers, as well as the China Light and Power Co.'s own technical staff, have earned the thanks of the Board of Directors for the excellence of the work that has been carried out with such efficiency.

Future of Kowloon. I trust that Your Excellency and our guests to-day are as satisfied as we are that this modern power station built on the growing city of Kowloon—Kowloon to-day has a significance beyond that of merely a suburban residential area. The early exemplary efforts of pioneers have made possible the establishment and development of projects that have gradually attained the size of large and important undertakings. It is to be hoped that nothing will prevent the growth of Kowloon from gradually developing into a manufacturing centre of some importance.

This fine new building is frankly designed with an optimistic view to the future and is a symbol of the faith of the China Light and Power Co. in the greater progress and development of the Colony of Hongkong in general and of Kowloon and the New Territories in particular.

Industries ranging in size from the manufacture of joss sticks to the building of ocean-going steamers, and as different in their nature as the preserving of ginger and the mining of lead ore, are to-day dependent for their operation on power supplied by this Station. It is only in proportion to the unhampered growth in the demand for power by these and other industries that our foresight can be justified and the spirit of the present unoccupied in this building be taken up by newer and larger generating plant.

On this occasion we wish prosperity to our many consumers, to whom it is our constant endeavour to provide service with efficiency and with whose success our future is so intimately bound up.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	348
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	103 1/2
T.T. France	10 85
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 3/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/E do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 40
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.05 1/2

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, C.D.	1,480 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	2
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Chartered	9 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	31 1/2
Mercantile, C. & E.	12 1/2
East Asia	78 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	225 b.
Union	495 sa.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	100 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	101 b.
Steamboats	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P&S	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	78 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves s/-	103 b.
Docks	24 sa.
Providents	5 b & sa.
Sh. Docks Sh. s/-	43 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	x.d. 17 1/2 n.
Islands	10 n.
Venz Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels s/-	0 sa.
Lands s/-	40 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shui Lands Sh. s/-	18 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	7 1/2 b.
Chinese Estates s/-	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams s/-	18 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	68 sa.
Y. Ferries s/-	28 sa.
China Lights (old)	9 s.
China Lights (new)	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric s/-	70 n.
Macao Electric s/-	21 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	32 1/2 b.
Telephones (new)	12 1/2 b.
Tractions s/-	19 1/2 n.
Tractions (new)	19 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. 12 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cements	20.20 sa.
H.K. Ropes	6 b.
STORES &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	23.00 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	22.00 b.
Watsons	0.60 b & sa.
Lane, Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. s/-	41 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. s/-	170 n.
Zong Sing Sh. s/-	65 n.
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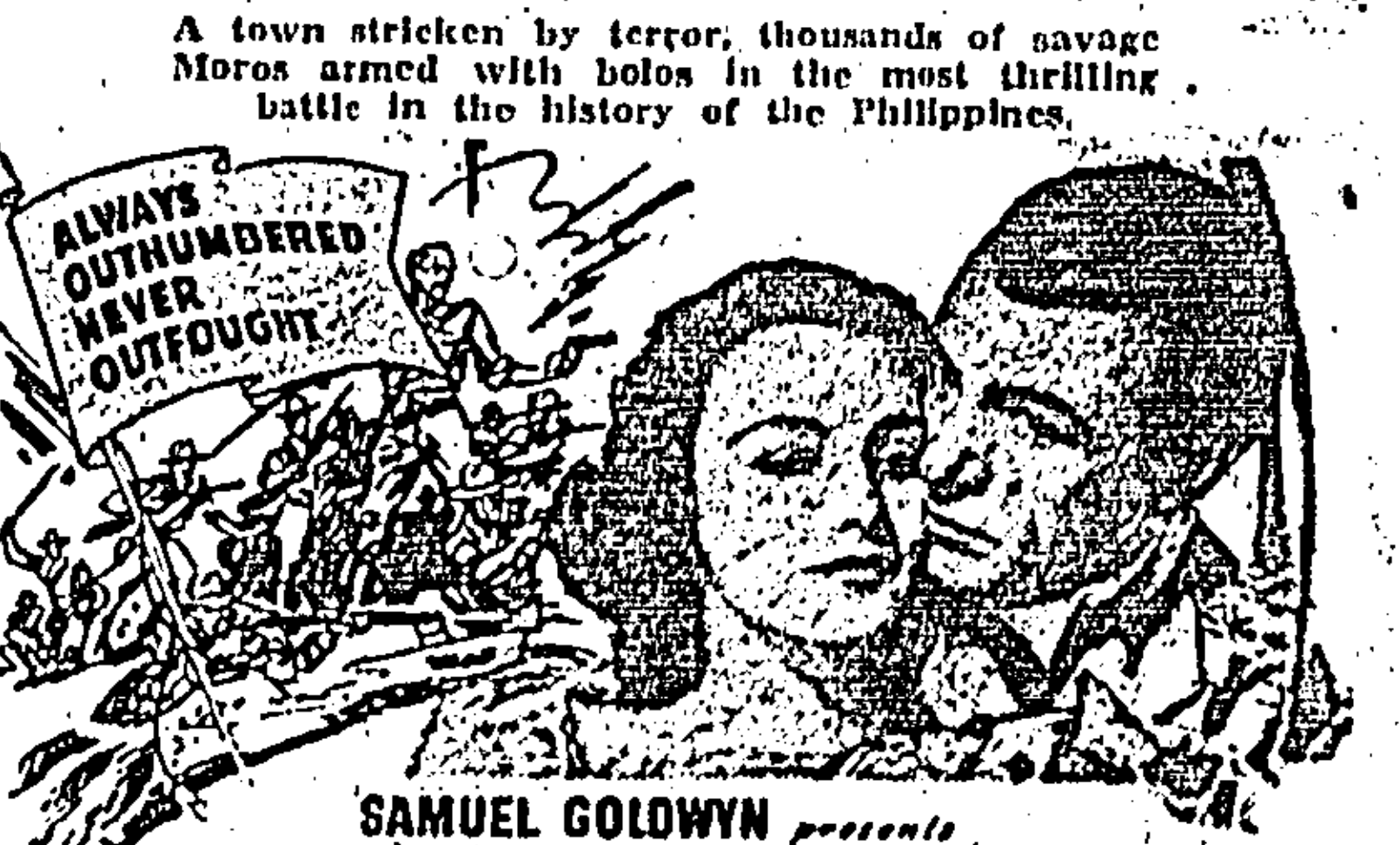


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## Finns Have A Name For It—"Molotov's Basket"

# STALIN'S SECRET AIR WEAPON IS IN USE

By JOHN LANGDON-DAVIES  
"Evening Standard" Special Correspondent on the Finnish War Front  
HELSINGFORS.

ONE of the latest achievements of the Russian air force has been to spray a small village and rural area, three miles long and 300 yards wide, with nearly a thousand incendiary bombs, then aim high explosives on an adjacent steel factory, missing it by a quarter of a mile.

Photographs have recently appeared of Russia's first "secret weapon" to be tried in Finland. It is already christened "Molotov's breadbasket" by the Finns.

It is an iron cylinder, 7ft. 6in. long, 3ft. in diameter, and is packed with a hundred or more ordinary incendiary bombs. The Russians in the raid on this village between Anso and Hanjoe succeeded in burning down only 20 houses. Most incendiary bombs blazed away uselessly on the ground.

It is calculated that 30 per cent. failed to ignite, which suggests Russian incendiary bombs are better than the Italian and German, which in Spain averaged four out of five failures.

Despite the Reds' poor results, the realists Finns see in "Molotov's breadbasket" one of the greatest menaces of the future. It is ideal in summer for burning large tracts of forest and wooden houses of forest workers. With their amazing power of making an ally of Nature, the Finns are already preparing for the dangers of the dry season Great firebreaks are being prepared and a magnificent fire-fighting organisation perfected.

But no Finn would deny that the major tragedy of the destruction of the world's finest timber reserves is inevitable unless before the forests dry they have sufficient fighters to prevent "Molotov's breadbaskets" being dropped indiscriminately.

No "Deliverers"

I am already learning that, contrary to my expectations before I came here, workers regard this as more their war than other classes of the community.

This village the Russians bombed is, purely a factory colony, organised under benevolent and paternal capitalism, which seems the chief feature of the present stage of Finland's development. Ten of its fifteen councillors are Social Democrats, yet the chairman is the factory director.

Houses, the hospital, the church, the school the police are all the property of the factory company, who pay families half-wages wherever a man is at the front and supply rent-free houses.

The Russians must be very ill-informed if they imagine that these workers, whose homes they are bombing, regard them as "deliverers."

## LATE NEWS

### For Gallantry

Details of the deeds done by the recipients of these honours were not announced but each award was given for gallantry.

Wearing the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, His Majesty the King afterwards boarded a warship and inspected an establishment where 500 apprentices are being trained as artificers. He also visited an aerodrome which is the training station for the Fleet Air Arm where he inspected a parade of Air Force officers and men, naval officers and the Women's Royal Naval Service.

## Japan And The Dutch E. I.

### New Treaty Reported Contemplated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Considerable interest is being displayed in an article in the London "Sunday Times", claiming that Japan is negotiating with the Netherlands for a new and comprehensive treaty which will not only define relations between the two countries but will also embody a clear-cut Japanese denunciation of territorial ambitions in the Netherlands East Indies. A spokesman of the Foreign Office stated to-day that negotiations have not yet commenced but admitted that there was a possibility that they would open within a few weeks.

## What Nazis Call Warfare

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wireless).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that since the outbreak of war to February 22, there had been 128 cases of unarmoured British merchant ships, and fishing vessels being attacked by enemy aircraft.

## OFFICERS OBLIGE

TRADESMEN of Swindon, Wiltshire, decided to give a dinner and entertainment to troops quartered locally.

But they could think of no way of including sentries unable to leave their posts. Then six officers came to the rescue. They agreed to do guard duty for six hours to release the men.

## FRENCH WOMEN AID FINLAND



Many French women have volunteered to aid Finland. General Max Weygand, who retired as Commander-in-Chief of the French army in 1935, is shown presenting a flag to the head of a feminine Motor Ambulance Corps, about to leave France for Finland.

## Busy Day For The King

### Presents Awards, Tours Naval Yard

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen stood on the quayside at an East Coast port to-day and talked with five men who were rescued from Almark.

Looking little worse for their experience, the men laughed and joked about their imprisonment. His Majesty the King also visited a dockyard in the east of Scotland and decorated eight more naval heroes including Commander L. A. K. Boswell who received the D.S.O. and Lieut. Commander D. L. Sammerer who was given the Distinguished Service Cross.

## The Economic War Front

### How Germany Is Affected

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wireless).—Qualified economic observers in London assess the value per month of German exports affected by Allied reprisal measures at between forty and fifty million reichsmarks.

This is the value of German exports which cannot be diverted from sea routes. Coal for Italy and engineering and chemical products for the Far East, Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula are among the items affected in this connection.

### Export Losses Likely

Reduction of German exports is also considered likely to curtail imports of lead, nickel, tin and copper valued at over five million reichsmarks per month as well as imports of petroleum and rubber.

## NAZI CONCESSION TO RED CROSS

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is announced that the German Government has given the American Red Cross permission to carry out relief work in the "territory of the Government General of Poland."

Representatives of the American organisation will be allowed to enter this territory to distribute supplies from America in conjunction with the German Red Cross.

These supplies will be admitted duty free and at reduced transport charges. The territory indicated excludes Pomerania, Posen and Upper Silesia, which were annexed to the Reich after the September "Blitzkrieg."

## Finns Back-Stage War Effort

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Swedish Trade Union Congress has appealed to workers to help Finland work behind the lines, and several thousand workers have already volunteered while several hundred thousand people have decided to give Finland a day's wages every month.

The Government has asked Parliament to vote 1,000,000 kroner to enable Swedish hospitals to care for some thousand wounded, shortly arriving from Finland.

## BOMBAY STRIKE AVERTED

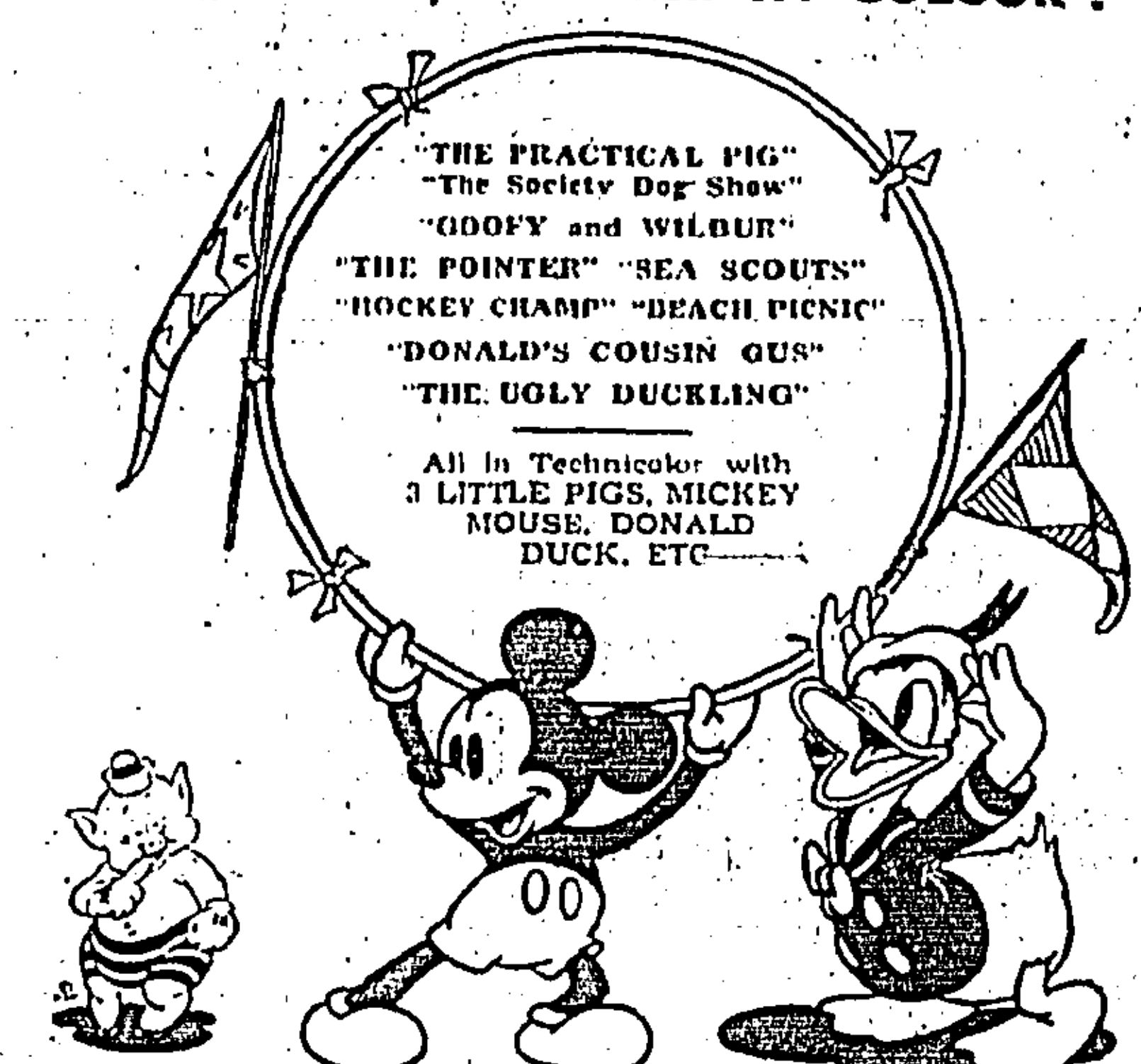
AHMEDABAD, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The strike has been averted by an appeal by the Governor of Bombay to employers and workers who agreed to submit the dispute to arbitration.

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**World's Fair To Re-open**

**Presentations By British Mission**

**Forty-Six Countries To Participate**

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Thirty-two countries, including Great Britain, Czechoslovakia and Finland, have hitherto accepted President's invitation to participate in the World's Fair this year. It is announced by Mr. Grover Whalen, President of the Fair.

It is added that acceptances from 14 others are on the way. This will make a total of 46 countries exhibiting compared with 61 in 1939.

Mr. Whalen said Britain had officially accepted despite the Fair Corporation's refusal to finance or help to finance her exhibit.

The Dalai Lama received the Mission seated on the throne of gold and silver, with the Regent and other notables attending. Members of the Mission ascended the steps of the throne in single file and saluted.

After the presentation of the gifts with the British Government's formal felicitations, the Dalai Lama blessed the Mission members, who later toured the city streets which were lighted with blazing faggots and crowded with merry-makers.

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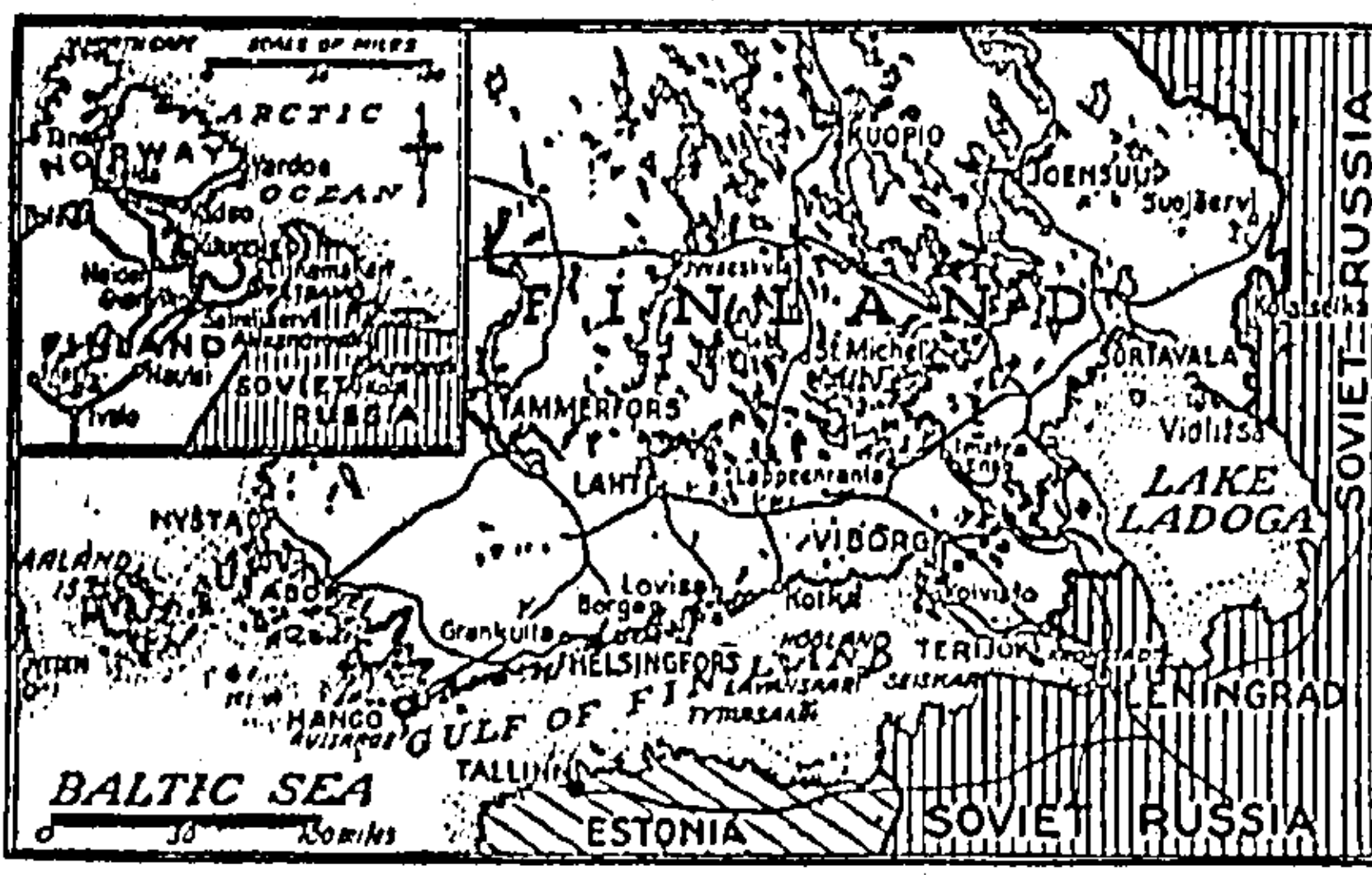
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## Russian Parachutists Wiped Out After Daring Exploit Near Viborg KOIVISTO CAPTURED: FINNS WITH BACKS TO THE WALL



### Fate of Viborg in Balance As Reds Advance Over Ice

By RALPH FORTE  
 "UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—Finland has abandoned her Mannerheim Line anchor in the Gulf of Finland.

Koivisto has now definitely fallen.

The fortress and town, which is only a few miles across ice-bound Viipuri Bay from Viborg were abandoned after the Russians succeeded in crossing the ice to capture Tuensari and Viensari—two strategic islands at the entrance to Koivisto.

The Russians have twice claimed the capture of Koivisto fortress, which is the extreme southern fortification of the Mannerheim Line.

The defenders, who have resisted almost continuous attacks since November 30 and accounted for many thousand Russian dead, were forced to retreat across the frozen surface of Viipuri Bay when they were outflanked on land by the Russians.

#### DARING ATTEMPT FAILS

Simultaneously with the capture of Koivisto, the Russians made a daring attempt to capture Viborg itself by means of its parachute battalions.

Throughout last night, heavy Russian transport planes and bombers roared over Viborg and its suburbs and, taking advantage of the darkness, large numbers of parachutists were dropped behind the Finnish lines.

The parachutists were able to re-form into a compact group before their presence behind the Finnish lines was detected.

#### PARACHUTISTS WIPED OUT

Bitter fighting resulted. Early this morning, however, the Finns claimed that all the parachutists had either been wiped out or had surrendered.

The situation in Viborg, which is Finland's second largest city, is now regarded as critical.

All civilians have been evacuated. It is believed that Finnish G.H.Q. will decide to-day whether the Finnish Army will be withdrawn to Finland's third line of defences behind the city.

#### Viborg Disappears

Viborg as a city has disappeared. It has been subjected to the most intense aerial and artillery bombardment for almost three weeks and has gradually crumbled into dust and rubble as thousands of bombs and shells have exploded throughout its streets.

The Russians are now firing on the city at point blank range from behind Koivisto, which is only six miles distant across the bay.

Some circles believe that it is certain that the Finns will abandon the city in order to preserve men and equipment.

But other quarters believe that a decisive stand will be made. It is pointed out that if Finnish G.H.Q. decides to resist the advance across the ice, Russia could be made to pay as dearly for the capture of Viborg as she did for the drive on the Mannerheim Line at Summa and Kamara, where 50,000 Russians are reported to have fallen.

#### Only Another Four Weeks

A Finnish official told me this morning that Finland could hold out only for another four weeks. In addition to the heavy fighting on the Viborg front, the Russians are launching tremendous assaults elsewhere in Finland.

Big battles raged throughout the night on the western end of the Mannerheim Line, where the Russians are attempting to assault Salmenkallia, a town between Lake Vuoksi and Lake Ahtarijärvi. Heavy fighting has also re-commenced on the Petsamo front, in the extreme north of Finland, and reports from the Norwegian border state that one of the biggest battles of the Finnish War is now raging in this sector.

It is claimed that the Finns are holding out at Hocesvaari. Russian air raids also continued on a heavy scale.

The air raid alarm shrieked for 80 minutes last night.

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## DOCKS' BONUS SHARE OFFER

Big Profit Shown For Last Year

SUBJECT to audit the Directors of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. will recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual Meeting the following appropriation of the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account at December, 1939, viz:

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Shares so allotted shall rank for dividend as from July 1, 1940.

Forms of offer will be sent out in due course.

## LATEST SHANGHAI INCIDENT

British Soldiers And Wang Followers

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An incident involving British troops in Shanghai with Japanese gendarmes and armed followers of Wang Ching-wei occurred in the British defence sector on the extra-settlement roads this morning, with the British troops politely but firmly refusing to yield to attempts by the Japanese to interfere with the British activities.

The following communique was issued by the British authorities at noon to-day in explanation of the whole incident:

"At about 9.20 a.m. to-day, a British military patrol surprised three Chinese loafers dressed in blue gowns and armed with Mauser pistols in an alleyway off Yu Yuen Road.

"The three Chinese were immediately disarmed and arrested. With the object of carrying out further investigations, the British patrol made their prisoners lead them to their house.

"This house, which was protected by a breast-work was found to be a lair of armed Chinese dressed in plain clothes. Twelve men found in the premises were arrested and the arms and ammunition confiscated.

Members of the Japanese gendarmerie then appeared on the scene and demanded that the arms and ammunition be handed over to them on the grounds that the men were supporters of Wang Ching-wei. They made no objection, however, to the arrests of the men or their removal by the British authorities.

After some discussion, the gendarmes agreed to the arms and ammunition being removed by the British patrol. At about 11.30 the arms, ammunition and men were removed into British custody.

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## Reds Now Able To Flank Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—The abandonment of Koivisto—whose forts held out longer under gunfire than the Alcazar in the Spanish War—has left the Mannerheim Line without a southern anchor.

As a result, the way has been paved for a Russian flanking movement which can take them behind the Mannerheim fortifications from along the Gulf of Finland coast.

## NOT READY FOR PEACE

Mussolini's Warning To Welles

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 27 (Domei).—It is learned from authoritative sources that Signor Mussolini warned Mr. Sumner Welles that the time was not yet ripe for launching any effective peace move in Europe.

It is believed that the Italian dictator informed Mr. Welles that Italy still intended to remain neutral in the European conflict, but at the same time was prepared to defend her interests against any vital threats.

The conversation is understood to have ranged from the war between Finland and Russia to the situation in the Balkans and Near East.

Informed quarters believe that no concrete proposals or questions were discussed.

## Italy Wants Her Cut

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—It is believed here that both Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano have the U.S. Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, clear indication that Italy demanded the right to participate in any peace settlement.

Diplomatic circles here assume that, in addition to the popular Italian pretensions to Tunisia, the Djibouti-Addis Ababa Railway (which is French owned) and an equitable share in the Suez Canal, Mussolini informed Mr. Welles of Italy's economic desires.

Diplomats are inclined to believe that Mr. Welles' mission will lead to a new peace initiative by President Roosevelt in April, when the President and his advisers will have an opportunity to study the Under Secretary of State's report.

The Welles' Mission has overshadowed all topics of conversation in foreign Embassies in London.

## N. SEA BATTLE RUMOURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports are prevalent here that a naval battle has taken place in the North Sea. No details, however, are available.

A London message says that the British Admiralty stated they have no knowledge of the foregoing report.

## Reds Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (UP).—To-day's Red Army communique reports: "Russian troops on the Karelian Isthmus continue to destroy enemy fortifications."

"According to supplementary data, Russian troops which entered Koivisto have captured in addition to the booty mentioned in the communique on February 24, fifteen artillery forts, ten thousand shells and over five million rounds of ammunition.

"There is nothing to report from other fronts.

"Russian aviation units raided the enemy and shot down 19 planes."

## INCREASING THE BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wire- less).—A supplementary communique for 1939 is issued regarding the numbers of officers and men required for Army service in addition to the numbers already voted. It is stated that the numbers already voted for the year, totalling 275,000, have been substantially exceeded.

The purpose of this supplementary estimate is to obtain Parliamentary authority for such additional numbers of officers and men as may be necessary.

## New Agreement

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Rumania and Hungary have signed an agreement to facilitate railway traffic between the two countries.

## IMPORTANT RULING

Neutrality Of The American Republics

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The proposed rules drawn up by the Pan-American Neutrality Committee for the treatment of auxiliary and naval vessels in American waters lay down that neutral states must prevent by every means the use of their ports and territorial waters as a base for war operations and supplies, even through neutral intermediaries.

Any assistance lent by a merchant vessel, except humanitarian aid, will result in converting her into a belligerent auxiliary warship.

Such merchantmen will be treated as belligerent warships and interned with their crew.

Assistance given by merchantmen flying a neutral flag will render her liable to the application of sanctions against the Captain.

Merchantmen will be forbidden to load in neutral port war materials, provisions or personnel with the intention of transshipping them on the high seas to belligerent warships.

## JAPAN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The spokesman of the Foreign Office refused to be drawn to-day by Hitler's reference to Japan as a "neutral, well-meaning towards Germany."

"Japan's policy of non-intervention in the European War still holds good," the spokesman somewhat dryly commented.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Lord Tweedsmuir's ashes have been taken to the little village of Elsfield, north of Oxford, where he had made his home for many years.

## ROOSEVELT TO RUN FOR THIRD TERM

Reported to Be Ready to Break With Tradition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The United States may now be said to be prepared for a break with the tradition that a President should never serve for a third term of office.

Most papers and political commentators now agree that President Roosevelt will probably run again, and if he does, no Republican candidate in sight is likely to stop him.

Already a number of prominent Democrats have started a movement in favour of the candidature of President Roosevelt, who has now allowed his name to be entered in the Illinois presidential primary, which will be regarded as a test of his present popularity.

Office Expires Next Year

Washington gossip-writers assert that the President has decided to run, but he will probably not announce his decision until the Democratic Convention is actually in session.

President Roosevelt's term of office expires on January 20, 1941. The presidential election will be held in November this year.

It is generally agreed that it will be fought more on foreign than domestic policies, and even if elected the Republicans are hardly likely to change the present foreign policy.

## Poles Shot By Gestapo

Latest Revolution Of Terrorism

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—According to a Polish Government communique, two well-known Polish industrialists, Robert Goyet, President of the Lodz Chamber of Commerce, and Guido John, an iron master, were shot by the Gestapo because they refused to sign documents stating that they were of German nationality.

Both belonged to families of German origin.

The communique states that the Germans are now expelling Poles from Central Polish districts which were held by Russia before the last war.

Six thousand families are stated to have been already driven out of Lodz. Large numbers of women and girls have been sent from Kalisz and other areas to Germany, and their fate is arousing anxiety.

## Germans In Hongkong

Nine Men To Be Handed Over Soon

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The handing over of nine German nationals removed from the Japanese steamer Asama Maru by a British warship to Japanese authorities will be carried out early in March in accordance with the arrangements which were continued between the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and Mr. Hanyuichi Tani, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, this morning.

Both well-informed quarters pointed out. The British Ambassador called on Mr. Tani at the Foreign Office at 11 o'clock this morning.

As the result of the conversations which took place for about two hours this morning, the views of the two Governments were brought to a practical agreement and all necessary steps were taken.

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## H. K. & S. BANK MAY LOAN \$10,000,000 TO SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will underwrite a \$10,000,000 loan to the Shanghai Municipal Council on condition that the 50% per cent. increase in taxation is approved by rate-payers, according to reports in the "China Press" to-day.



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date, 31st Jan.) ..... Feb. 28.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct  
Service"—London date, 21st Feb.  
Feb. 29.  
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai  
(Vancouver B.C. date, 10th  
February) ..... Feb. 29.  
Canton ..... Feb. 29.  
Manila ..... Feb. 29.  
Haiphong and Hanoi ..... Feb. 29.

**OUTWARD MAILS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27.  
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East  
and South Africa, Egypt and  
Europe via Naples—due Naples  
24th March.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 4.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Shanghai 5.00 p.m.  
Saigon ..... 5.30 p.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways  
Direct Service"—due London, 6th  
March.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct  
Service"—due Sydney, 4th March.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,  
Central and South America via  
Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for  
Canada only)—due Vancouver  
B.C., 10th March.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5.10 a.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 a.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A.,  
Central and South America via  
San Francisco—due San Francisco  
21st March.

**G.P.O. and K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Feb. 27, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 27, 5.30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 28.  
Fort Bayard ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Amoy and Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and  
France (Paris and Northern Pro-  
vinces only) by the "Air France  
Always Direct Service"—due Paris  
7th March.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Feb. 28, 7.00 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 29.  
Manila, Australia and New Zealand  
via Thursday Island—due Thurs-  
day Island 13th March.

**K.P.O.**  
Reg. .... 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... 5.30 p.m.  
Japan ..... 10.30 a.m.  
Fort Bayard ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Haiphong ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Amoy ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Straits ..... 7 p.m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE

THE TAIPO RURAL HOME  
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13½ Milestone, Taiipo.

The Orphanage will be formally  
opened on  
Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.  
His Excellency The Governor will  
perform the Opening Ceremony  
at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.  
Buses will leave the Peninsula  
Hotel for Taiipo at 2.00 and 2.15  
p.m. and will return at 4.30 and  
4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked  
beforehand at the Hongkong or  
Peninsula Hotel where tickets are  
obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the  
Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meet-  
ing will be held at the Company's  
Registered Office, 4th Floor,  
P. & O. Building, on Thursday,  
21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for  
the purpose of presenting the  
Report of the Directors together  
with a Statement of Accounts to  
31st December, 1939, electing  
Directors and Auditors and fixing  
their fees.

The Register of Members of  
the Company will be closed from  
9th March to 21st March, 1940,  
both days inclusive, during which  
period no transfer of shares can  
be registered.

By order of the  
Board of Directors.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that  
an Extraordinary General Meeting  
of the Company will be held in  
the P. & O. Building, Victoria,  
in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15  
o'clock in the forenoon on Thurs-  
day, the 21st day of March, 1940,  
or as soon thereafter as the  
Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the  
Company shall have terminated,  
for the purpose of considering and  
if thought fit passing the following  
resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the  
Company be increased from its  
present Capital of \$6,000,000  
"Hong Kong currency divided  
"into 600,000 shares of \$10 each  
"to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong cur-  
"rency divided into 1,800,000  
"shares of \$10 each and that  
"such additional shares shall  
"rank in all respects pari passu  
"with the original Capital of the  
"Company."

And for the purpose of consid-  
ering and if thought fit passing  
the following resolutions, name-  
ly:

"1. That the Directors be  
"and they are hereby authorised  
"to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,-  
"000 Hong Kong currency part of  
"the undivided profits of the  
"Company standing to the credit  
"of the Company's Reserve Fund  
"and to allot to the Members  
"holding shares of the Company  
"as on the 1st day of July, 1940,  
"in respect of the net amount  
"capitalised fully paid shares of  
"the Company of equivalent  
"nominal value in the propor-  
"tion of one share for every two  
"shares of the Company then  
"held by such persons respec-  
"tively and that such shares be  
"allotted shall rank for divi-  
"dends as from the 1st day of  
"July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distri-  
"bution as aforesaid, any person  
"would be entitled to a frac-  
"tional share the Directors shall,  
"in lieu of issuing Fractional  
"Certificates, cause the whole  
"share to be allotted to a person  
"or persons to be named by the  
"Directors and such share shall,  
"at such time as the Directors  
"think fit, be sold and the pro-  
"ceeds distributed amongst the  
"persons entitled to the frac-  
"tional share making up such share."

By order of the  
Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Gen-  
eral McNaughton, General Officer  
Commanding the Canadian Troops,  
has taken over the administration of  
the entire Aldershot Command for  
the next six days while General Broad  
is on leave.

# GERMAN BLITZKRIEG

## 55-45 Chance of Breaking Through To North Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, FEB. 26 (UP).—LUDWELL DENNY, STAFF  
CORRESPONDENT FOR THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD CHAIN OF  
NEWSPAPERS, REPORTS THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS  
RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM AMERICAN OBSER-  
VERS IN EUROPE THAT HITLER INTENDS TO CONDUCT AN  
OFFENSIVE THROUGH HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

The Correspondent reports that the confidential information  
gathered in Europe indicates that Hitler has a 55-45 chance of getting  
through.

The reports, he states, partly explain Mr. Sumner Welles' mission  
to Europe.

President Roosevelt's advisers have told him that German bombers  
are doing fairly well, but not as well as Goering  
expected.

### MUST HAVE BASES

"Germany needs bases closer to England. These  
bases will have to be in Dutch or Belgian territory," the  
report states.

"Hence, it is the prediction of these American  
observers in Europe that Hitler will try to blast his way  
through the Low countries.

"Germany's strength is reported to have increased  
rather than diminished during the six months of warfare.

"Admitting that the British blockade of Germany is  
slow in taking hold and is simply a long-range weapon at  
the best, these experts abroad think that many years will  
be required to starve Germany out of food and military  
supplies."

### CONFLICTING RUMOURS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Despite persistent  
reports that warfare on land, sea and in the air will  
intensify with the advent of spring, well-informed Nazi  
quarters point out that there are no indications that  
Hitler will modify his "tactics of localisation," either in  
diplomatic or military affairs.

It is believed that Hitler's strategy is designed to  
confine concentration of troops on the Western Front.

Germany's policy towards the  
Balkans and northern Europe  
aims at preventing supply routes  
from being disturbed by the  
Allies.

Involvement of any of these  
countries in the war would deal  
a grave blow to Germany owing  
to its effect on her trade.

The Allies, on the other hand, are  
concentrating all the diplomatic  
activity on swinging the neutrals  
away from the Nazis.

Tangible signs of Allied activity  
are already shown in the concentra-  
tion of large armed forces in Syria  
and the Near East, under the com-  
mand of General Weygand.

Mediterranean Bottled  
Allied naval forces are reported to  
be in complete control of the situation  
at both ends of the Mediterranean.

The delicate relations existing be-  
tween the Soviet Union and Italy is  
also cause for perturbation in Ger-  
many.

## Gifts For New Dalai Lama

Presentations By British  
Mission

LHASA, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Gifts,  
including a silk scarf, a bar of gold  
and bags of silver, were presented  
to the Dalai Lama on behalf of the  
British Government here to-day by  
Mr. Gould.

The Dalai Lama received the Mis-  
sion sealed on the throne of the  
Potala Palace with the Regent and  
other nobles attending.

Members of the Mission ascended  
the steps of the throne in single file  
and saluted.

After the presentation of the gifts  
with the British Government's formal  
congratulations, the Dalai Lama blessed  
the Mission members, who later  
toured the city streets which  
were lighted with blazing tapers and  
crowded with merry-makers.

## BOMBAY STRIKE AVERTED

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—  
The strike has been averted by an  
appeal by the Governor of Bombay  
to employers and workers who agreed  
to submit the dispute to arbitration.

## LETTERS

### United Service

To the Editor.

The "Hongkong Telegraph."  
Sir,—Most of your readers will be  
aware that for some years past the  
Christian Churches in Kowloon have  
united in a Service of Christian  
Witness on Good Friday, at 11.30 a.m.  
We are planning to hold such a  
Service this year, and so far the  
Anglican Churches, both English-  
speaking and Chinese, the Salvation  
Army, the Union Church and the  
Y.M.C.A. have been approached and  
are sharing in the Service.

If there are other Christian bodies  
in Kowloon who would like to have  
a share in this Service, and whom I  
have not so far written to, I should  
be grateful if they would write to  
me, or telephone me, so that I can  
make sure that their co-operation is  
not wasted.

REV. H. D. ROSENTHAL,  
Christ Church,  
Kowloon Tong.

## The Economic War Front

How Germany Is  
Affected

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wire-  
less).—Qualified economic observers  
in London assess the value per month  
of German exports affected by Allied  
reprisal measures at between forty  
and fifty million reichsmarks.

This is the value of German exports  
which cannot be diverted from sea  
routes. Coal for Italy and engineer-  
ing and chemical products for the Far  
East, Latin America and the Iberian  
Peninsula are among the items affect-  
ed in this connection.

### Export Losses Likely

Reduction of German exports is  
also considered likely to curtail im-  
ports of lead, nickel, tin and copper  
valued at over five million reichs-  
marks per month as well as imports  
of petroleum and rubber.

The view is taken that this situation  
will force some important branches of  
the armaments industry to reduce  
both the quality and quantity of their  
output.

# NEAR

## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	1/2 1/2
T.T. Japan	1/2 1/2
T.T. India	1/2 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Manila	1/2 1/2
T.T. Batavia	1/2 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	1/2 1/2
T.T. Saigon	1/2 1/2
T.T. France	1/2 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	1/2 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/2 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	2 1/4
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/s India	41 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.05 1/2



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## Nazi Censors Grab S'hai Letter

### Thought To Have Been Sent Via Siberia

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—  
Some consternation was caused in  
local British business circles to-day  
when it was learned that a recent  
letter mailed from Shanghai by a  
British firm, Millington Limited, to  
its London office had arrived there  
bearing a stamp that it had been  
opened by German censors.

On being questioned, local postal  
officials expressed surprise that this  
could have happened.  
It is believed that the letter in  
question went via Siberia and in the  
course of the journey somehow fell  
into a German censor's hands.

So far this is the only known  
instance of a letter from Shanghai,  
destined for Britain, having passed  
through the German censors' hands.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

#### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via  
Haiphong

Consignees are hereby informed  
that their goods with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables  
are being landed and stored into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kow-  
loon, whence delivery may be obtain-  
ed immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me  
on or before 6th March, 1940, or they  
will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be exami-  
ned by the Company's Surveyor  
Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas in the  
presence of the Consignees at 10.00  
a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue  
Officer in attendance when any duti-  
able goods are examined by the  
Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected  
by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
Agent.

### SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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are being landed and stored into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon  
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loon, whence delivery may be obtain-  
ed immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me  
on or before 1st March, 1940, or they  
will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be exami-  
ned by the Company's Surveyor  
Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas in the  
presence of the Consignees at 10  
a.m. on Monday 26th February, 1940.

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# VIGIL IN THE CITY of the DEAD

I VISITED Strasbourg while I was at the front. It is a city of death.

Of its population of 200,000 only such municipal employees remain as are necessary for its essential services and the police, the customs

officers and a certain number of soldiers who are there to guard the city and keep it swept and garnished. On the day I was there, for a wonder the sun shone brightly; it was high noon, but you had the sinister feeling of a city at dead of night. It was like a city in a fairy tale where everyone who dwelt there was wrapped in a magic sleep.

Here and there, in a house or a flat, a window has remained unshuttered and you cannot resist the notion that someone is living behind that closed window, closed because there is a nip in the air, and that at any moment a face will appear behind it; but you know that not a soul is there.

These hundreds and hundreds of houses, street after street, lane after lane, are empty.



empty cottages, but they were dilapidated. The refugees set to with a will to make them habitable. Now you could eat off the floors.

The refugees have to sleep on straw mattresses, sometimes on the floor, sometimes on deal trestles that they have made themselves. The authorities are providing wooden beds as fast as they can, but there is a shortage of wood, and it takes time to provide beds in wartime for such numbers. There is still a lot of overcrowding.

But for all these inconveniences, these real hardships, life still goes on. The general health is good. The children, blue-eyed with apple-red cheeks, are neat and clean. Though there are no books for their lessons, they go to school, bringing wood with them in the morning to heat the room, and the nuns teach them as best they can in the circumstances. They are bright, nice-mannered children, and for them indeed the whole thing is rather a lark.

It is wonderful with what spirit these people, snatched away from comfortable homes, bear their lot. I went to see some stables standing in the grounds of a chateau;

by SOMERSET MAUGHAM

safety and the wind blew bitter through the aisle. The lovely pulpit with its delicate carving had been boarded up. All was cold and grim and bare. It had already the look of the wreck of a church.

THE city is waiting for destruction. Of that cathedral, which in the middle ages was considered one of the marvels of

1.—"All Quiet on the Western Front," says the communiques, but this photograph was taken only three weeks ago. When it really starts—

2.—This is what happens to a city. Photograph on left was taken at Ypres in the last war.



Most of the shops have their shutters up, but some had none to put up, and in these the goods for sale remain in display. Women's underwear, silk stockings, hats; they have a strangely forlorn look. At a pastry cook's little cakes, sweets, and what not lie mouldering in the window.



THERE was no time to put anything away when the evacuation took place. Things had to be left just as they were while the owners huddled a few clothes into a bag, such household linen as they could carry, and fled.

They had to leave their cats behind and now, fed by the soldiers, they wander disconsolate and mew. The pigeons are fed too, flocks of them, and they gather round hungrily when a man comes along with a great hunk of bread and crumbing it up throws the pieces into the fluttering crowd.

The Cathedral was rose-red against the pale blue of the wintry sky and here men in khaki were still busy making a protection for the central porch. The stained glass of the windows has been removed to a place of

the world, it may be that not one stone will stand upon another.

—And as if to call my attention to this dreadful possibility, presently high up I saw half a dozen planes. They were allied planes and were, I was told, hunting a Messerschmitt that had been signalled. I watched them till they were lost in a cloud and walked on.

Then, on a sudden, the sinister note of the siren broke the unearthly silence that wraps the city like a shroud; it rang through the stillness with a merciless intensity, echoing through those empty streets so that it seemed to assail you from every direction; and though I had heard it more than once before it had in that deserted city an ominous horror. Two or three men started running, and, following them, I found myself at the police station.



There were perhaps a dozen of us, policemen, employees of the municipality and three or four soldiers. They were impatient and exasperated, but facetious.

One friendly stranger told me that a German plane came over the city twice a day at such regular hours that they had called it after the popular French papers, "Paris-Midi" and "Paris-Soir." I lunched with the Mayor, a large heavy man with an open friendly face, who spoke French with an Alsatian accent. He loves his city and he looks forward to what he fears will be its inevitable ruin with anguish. He remains there with his wife to take care of it and with courage awaits the catastrophe which may at any moment befall.

Trying to reassure him, I suggested that the Germans were unlikely to bomb what they still regarded as a German city.

"They shelled it in 1870," he answered. "They ran excursion trains from towns on the other side of the Rhine so that eight-seen might see Strasbourg burn." But even though the city is as yet spared the ravages of war its future fills him with misgiving. He reminded me that this was the

third time in seventy years that its economic life had been disturbed by war. Many of the manufacturers have removed to places where they could set up their factories in safety and unless peace brought them security for the future they would never return.

"It is a dead city," he said. "No," I answered, "only sleeping."

He sighed. "That is what I hope, but it is a sleep from which the awakening will be bitter."



A little while later I visited the districts in the Charente to which the refugees from Alsace and Lorraine have been evacuated.

The department which I visited is a poor one, it has 300,000 inhabitants and 35,000 refugees from the Moselle have been distributed among its towns and villages; but its habits and its standards of life are very different from those to which the people of more prosperous Lorraine have been accustomed. It was not easy for the authorities to find lodging for this great number of persons. There were plenty of

there were six stalls and in each was a straw mattress on the ground, without sheets, and in each stall two persons slept. A tiny room at the side, I suppose the old harness room, was their living room. There was an open fireplace with a pot boiling over two sticks.



I asked a woman whether there was anyone at the chateau. "No," she said, "the proprietors only come down in the summer."

A smile broke on her healthy face. "It would be nice if they let us sleep in the servant's rooms," she said. "To sleep in a stable—well Our Saviour was born in one." A woman with a sense of humour.

Work is gradually being secured for the refugees on the land or in factories with adequate wages. The unemployed receive from the State ten francs a day for each adult and six francs for each child under thirteen. They have large families, and two or three families often pool their resources, so that their meals are good and copious.

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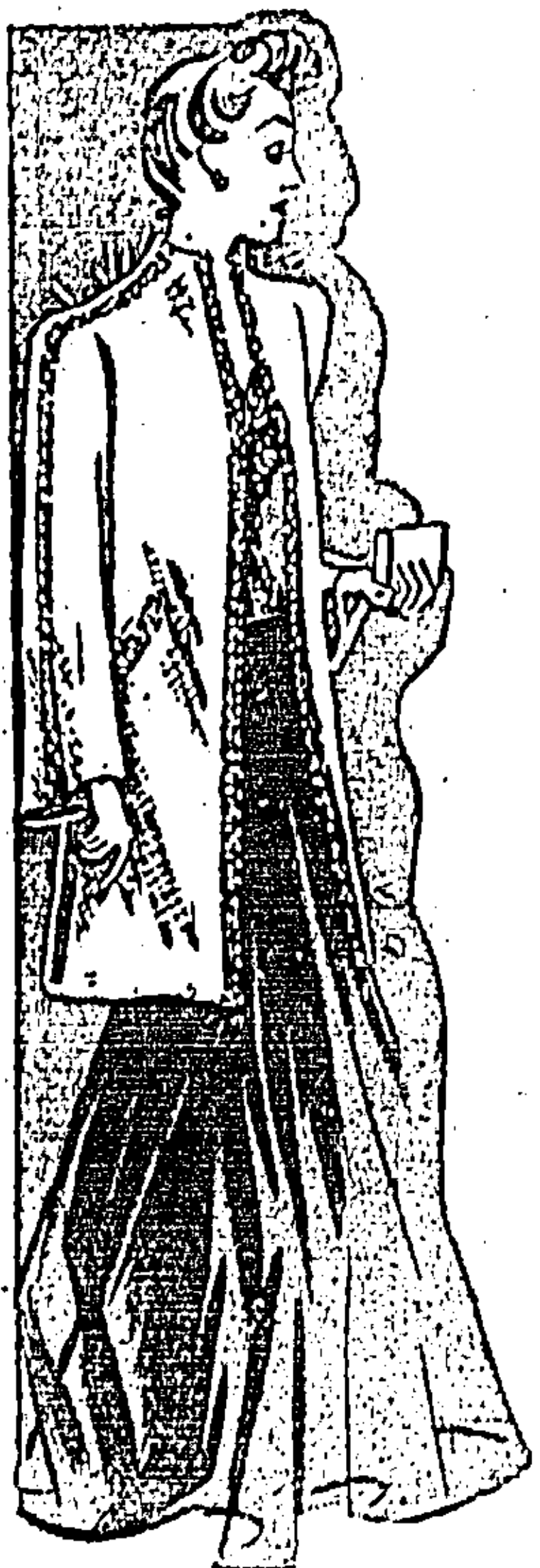
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**COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE**





Pink Harris tweed illuminated with bands of bold bugles and metal floss embroidery makes an interesting evening wrap. The casual character of the coat in panel tweed coupled with glittering embroidery is new. It is worn over a black net, embroidered in pink sequins.

## Fashionable Furs

SILVER fox, which has been a popular vogue for several seasons, still holds its own: both as a tie, or as a cape, it continues in favour.

Among the new styles this season is the silver fox cape designed with furskins running down instead of round. The effect is to provide an attractive frame for the face, for although the capes are collarless, the fur nestles high on the shoulders. For evening wear, capes of white foxskin dyed blue have found acceptance.

Copper-tinted silver fox ties and capes are featured in fur displays. Only the top hairs of the silver fox are copper-tinted, and the silver sheen shines through. These are quite distinct in hue from natural red fox. The colouring is rich and has a delightful autumnal touch. The copper-tinted silver foxskins made their appearance a few months ago.

In fur coats, the requirement today is for a medium-priced garment which, elegant in appearance, is practical and warm—a coat, in fact, which can be worn equally well in country or town.

There is a preference for coats which hang straight down, though some are shaped. The new blended musquash with the narrow stripe, and the bronze seal, which is both hard-wearing and smart, have considerable appeal. For evening wear dyed ermine is still in demand.

Dyed Canadian squirrel skins worked in the same manner as dyed ermine have been much in favour for coats. Persian lamb is similarly in demand when worked into smart three-quarter coats, usually with a small collar.

While both dyed and plain musquash have a prominent flange, the displays there is a considerable vogue for heavier lamb because it wears well, is not too bulky, and is both warm and smart.

The beaver lamb coats have the full swing back, and the accentuated square shoulders.

Ocelot coats which in peace-time were mainly associated with sporting occasions, find favour with many who are now obliged to live in the country. Some of the ocelot coats may be seen with beaver facings.

For visibility, white beaver lamb, which is hard-wearing, is a choice. It is warm, and has a neat "teddy bear" appearance.

## WASH FATIGUE ACIDS OUT OF ACHING TENNIS ARM!

When your arms and legs get stiff and sore after an unusual tennis game, there's a reason for it. It means fatigue acids in your muscles are making them swell and stiffen. Rub on Absorbine Jr. It speeds the blood through the muscles and the blood washes away the fatigue acids. Prompt relief follows.

Absorbine Jr. gives double-acting relief because it penetrates deep under the skin where the pain is, and can be massaged—attacking the pain two ways at once. Try a bottle of reliable Absorbine Jr. today. A little goes far and it's clean and easy to use. No mess or stain. Sold in all good stores.

**ABSORBINE JR.**  
For years has relieved sore muscles, muscle fatigue, bruises, cuts, sprains, abrasions.

# "Socks Please, Sister Susie!"

said the R. A. F.—and they could do nicely with some gloves, too

2ND article telling knitters exactly what the men in the services really need.

GETTING into an airfield these days, even with an official pass, is an exciting business.

But before we'll inside, a visitor had asked two of the men and the orderly sent as a guard, just what the R.A.F. most needed in the way of comforts. "Long socks," said the guards. "Long socks," said the orderly. And when she got to the young adjutant in his uniform he smiled. "Well . . ." he said, "you'd better see the equipment officer . . . but I think the men want long socks."

So it was hardly a surprise when Flight-Lieutenant Mackintosh presented a typewritten list of the requirements of his men to see that it was headed by

420 PAIRS OF LONG SOCKS

These can be any colour. For they are required solely but urgently to wear under the gum-boots that are a necessity for all ground staff, and for airmen too around the base.

They must be long enough to come right up to the knees and double down for extra warmth and as a protection to the trousers from friction with the boots. They all wear them, especially in France, so if your man is R.A.F.—long socks!

And they can all do with gloves—long wristed, but designed to wear under not over, the sleeves of their jackets.

That should keep you knitting this week, anyway.

## SHORT CUTS

Don't cut freshly made cake until it cools—unless you do not mind if it is unattractive.

If you have made your frosting a bit too soft and the layer cake is inclined to slip off unevenly, run a few toothpicks through the layers to hold them in place until the icing hardens.

## Some Butter-Saving Hints

DON'T waste butter by allowing it to stick to the wrapping paper. To make sure it all comes off, put it under the cold tap before you unwrap it. Use the greasy paper for lining cake tins or wrapping sandwiches.

In cold weather when you have to melt butter, only warm as much as you require at the moment and never absent-mindedly leave it in the oven to go to oil.

A good way of making butter spread easily is to mix it with milk in the proportion of a pound to a pint. Put the butter in a basin, warm the milk and pour it over, then cream them well together with a spoon.

Another way is to mix together equal parts of butter and margarine. Warm them slightly, cream them well together, shave and put into a cool place.

Use Dripping

Make good use of any dripping you can get from your meat. Good dripping can be substituted for butter in making pastry, especially if it is to be used for savoury pies, and it will also make you a good family cake. Spread on wholemeal bread with plenty of salt and a touch of Worcester sauce, dripping is delicious. Bacon fat is useful for frying when the bacon flavour is no objection, as in the case of sausages and chops.

If you are in the habit of adding a few dabs of butter to a milk pudding, put a spoonful of finely chopped suet in the pudding instead. This gives extra nutriment and makes it delightfully creamy.

To take the place of butter, other foods which contain fats and oils should be eaten freely. Nuts have plenty of fat in them, and though most fruits contain none there is a little in bananas, grapes, dates, and raisins.

A Valuable Fat

Olive oil is a valuable fat that could be used more than it is in this country. You may not like the idea of using it much for cooking, but a steak grilled in olive oil is really good. Sardines tinned in oil we take as a matter of course, though most of us throw away the surplus oil. However, it could easily be used for fry-

## Here's How To Knit Them

### LONG SOCKS

MEASUREMENTS: Length to heel 21 inches, foot 11 inches.

MATERIALS: 700s. 3-ply Air Force blue wheeling wool, four No. 10 knitting needles, point at both ends. ABBREVIATIONS: K, knit; p, purl; tog, together; rep, repeat.

USING four No. 10 needles, point at both ends. Cast on 60 sts, join k 2, p 2 for 32 rounds. Change to k 3, p 1, work 18 rounds.

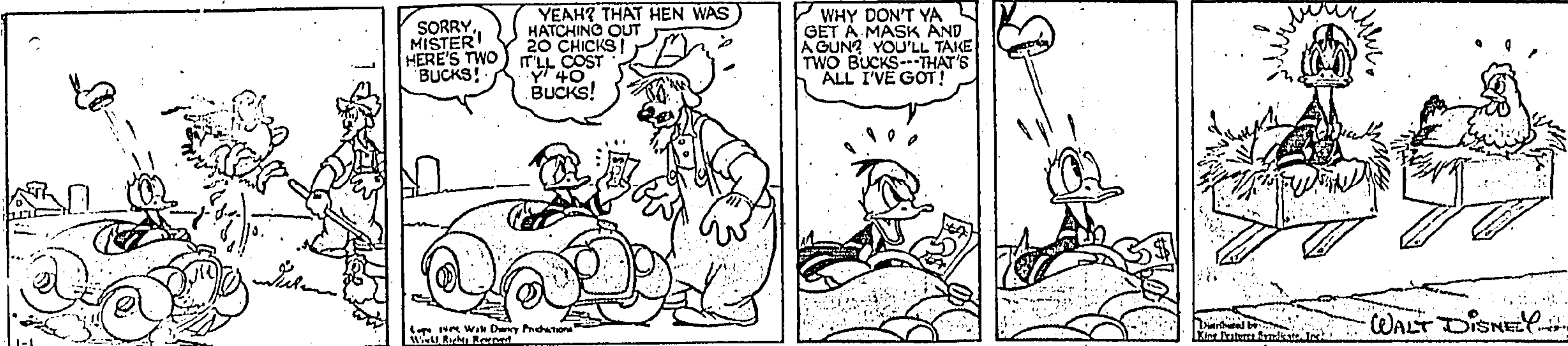
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## AMAZING CLAIM

### Single U-Boat Said To Have Sunk 16 Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 BERLIN, Feb. 26, (Domel).—The amazing claim that a single U-boat has been responsible for the sinking of sixteen vessels—Allied and neutral—totalling 114,500 tons, during the first six months of the war, was announced by the German High Command to-day, when the submarine, commanded by Lieut. Commander Herbert Oltze, returned to her base to-day.

The claim added that during her latest adventure alone, the U-boat sank 34,132 tons of shipping.

German military experts assert that the present achievements reach almost the maximum which can be attained by a single submarine.

They surpass the highest record set during the last war by Commander Wunsch, whose U-boat was responsible for the sinking of 110,500 tons of shipping during a five months period.

**Nazi Claims Contradicted**  
 PARIS, Feb. 26 (UP).—The French Admiralty to-day announced that Allied and neutral shipping losses up to and including February 20 totalled 312 ships aggregating 1,150,000 tons.

This statement contradicts the German announcement that the losses amounted to 400 ships with a total of 1,180,000 tons.

The French announcement added that Britain had lost 157 vessels totalling 590,000, while the French had lost 14 ships (60,000 tons) and neutrals 141 ships, aggregating 480,000 tons.

## Stole Script, Then Burnt It Wing On Coy. Shares In Robbery

Six hundred \$100 shares of the Wing On Co., Ltd., were burnt to ashes by a 17-year-old youth who stole them on Sunday.

This was revealed in court this morning when Yu Chau-sing, shop assistant, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with the theft of jewellery to the value of \$250, \$46 Chinese Currency, \$530 Hongkong money and 600 shares from his mistress, Chau San-wu, at No. 251 Queen's Road Central.

Sgt. E. S. Brooks said Chau was in the kitchen of the house on Sunday evening when she heard something being thrown into the backyard. Looking down, she saw Yu on the first floor, and a box in which she kept her jewellery and other valuables lying in the yard of the adjoining house. She questioned Yu, but he denied having done anything.

**Admitted Theft**  
 The Police were called, and they questioned Yu, who then admitted taking the jewellery. He produced the stolen property from different parts of the house.

Asked what he had done with the shares, Yu took the Police to the roof, where the charred remains were found.

The youth, continued Sgt. Brooks, was a distant relative of the complainant, and was employed as a general assistant for the past four years at wages of \$4 per month, plus board and lodging.

Yu made no reply when asked by Mr. Edwards why he had burnt the shares.

His master, who was in Court, said he was not willing to take defendant back into employment. This was the second occasion in which the youth had stolen things. He had not been prosecuted the first time because he was a relative.

Yu was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

## MOSCOW RADIO IS CURBED

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—For some days now the Soviet Press and radio have stopped extolling the heroism and other virtues of the Russian soldier.

The end of the campaign of praise was caused by the fact that the Press and radio reports in flagrant contrast to the official Soviet communiques which have repeatedly said "Nothing of importance to report."

Soyuz "news" sources are now trying to explain matters on the Finnish front by talking about the exceptional rigours of the weather and the vast fortifications "constructed by the Finnish bourgeoisie."

## "BALLOON NAVY" MEN FIGHT IN BARGES



Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd, Chief of the Balloon Command, inspecting men of the "Balloon Navy" on the "Mother Ship."

## Stole Letters And Concocted Forgery Allege Prosecution

A case of allegedly obtaining money through a forged letter was heard by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day when Ho Ming was charged with theft of three letters, receiving stolen letters, uttering a forged document, and demanding money on a forged document.

Jury members comprised Messrs. F. A. Lowe (Foreman), E. Allaye, Lee Chan-kee, George Bong Wu, K. H. Sabnan, Mark Kel-chan and Wong Long-ying.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted assisted by Det. Sergeant MacPherson.

Mr. Murphy said the Crown alleged that the accused stole the letters between December 30, 1939, and January 9. The uttering and demanding money on a forged document occurred on January 11. Evidence would prove that certain letters arrived in Hongkong, were delivered, but never received by those to whom they were addressed.

The three letters to which the indictment referred were found in the accused's cubicle and with those letters were discovered other documents which related to the other two counts of the indictment.

### Theft Of Letters Alleged

Mr. Murphy said he would try to convince the Jury that the accused stole the letters and obtained from them information to try to obtain money. He would show that in one instance, accused actually produced a forged letter and demanded money on it.

The last two charges related to No. 32 Boundary Street, second floor, where lived a woman Chui Pui-shun, and her husband Chui Cheuk-wing, and Chui had friends in Manila and they corresponded regularly, but for the last three months Chui had received no letters from Manila although she had written several times. On January 11, Chui received a letter with a Philippine stamp on it and it appeared to have been addressed to her in the handwriting of her friend. However, when she opened it she saw that although the letter was signed in her friend's name, neither the signature nor the writing was in her friend's hand.

### Suspicious Letter

Chui, said Mr. Murphy, also noticed that the date stamp chopped on the envelope had been altered, the figure five having been changed to eight. Chui gave the letter to her husband and left the envelope on the table.

The letter requested that Chui send \$50 to the country for a sick person and to charge the amount to the writer who would repay her. The money was to be given to a man who would tender a receipt for it.

All the circumstances of the letter, continued Mr. Murphy, made the matter look very suspicious, and accordingly, on January 11, Chui and her husband went to the Shamshuipo Police Station and there received certain instructions and returned home accompanied by detectives.

At 4 p.m. that day accused looked for Chui and was admitted into Chui's house. Accused handed a letter to Chui and this requested that Chui hand the bearer \$50. Accused replied in the affirmative when he was asked if he came for the money, and also

## Rumania's Maginot Line Ready

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 ISTANBUL, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Rumania's famous Carol Line, which is claimed to be as impenetrable as the Maginot Line on France's eastern frontier, has been completed, and is now fully manned.

The new defence line stretches along the entire Russo-Rumanian frontier for a distance of over 300 miles.

It is reported to have embodied all the salient features of France's Maginot Line and Germany's West Wall.

In addition, a leaf has been taken from the book of Holland's defence and provision has been made for an ambitious scheme of floods should the Russians attempt to cross the Dnieper.

"In strength and efficiency, the Carol Line is far superior to Finland's Mannerheim Line," said a Rumanian official to-day.

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Gordon Vereker, Great Britain's new envoy to Finland, has arrived. He told the Press that Britain hopes to be able to act efficaciously to save the heroic Finnish people.

D. M. Bateman, of Jardine, Matheson Ltd., was fined \$10 by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for parking his car in Pedder Street on January 25 for over two hours.

### Discoveries In Cubicle

Accused's cubicle was searched and there was found a genuine letter from Chui's friend in Manila. There were two more genuine letters addressed to houses in Yuen Chau Street but which the addresses had not received. Also found was a chop with the name Wong Man on it to be used on the receipts.

Counsel alleged that accused had concocted the forgery which was based on the facts he obtained from the stolen letters.

Following evidence by the prosecution's witness, hearing was adjourned.

## 'NICE WOMAN,' BUT SHE KILLED TWO MEN

MRS. MARTHA RUTH JACOBY, aged 59, who gassed herself in a room in Newington Butts, S.E., killed two men in nine years.

This can now be revealed following an inquest at Southwark on Walter Bishop, aged 48, with whom she had been living.

It was stated that when Bishop returned home under the influence of drink, Mrs. Jacoby struck him on the head with a hatchet.

He died a few minutes later.

### MURDER

Afterwards Mrs. Jacoby gassed herself. A verdict that she murdered Bishop and then committed suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed was recorded.

## HE SPOKE FOR 10,000 BOYS



MESSANGER BOY No. 117 making a speech in London on behalf of himself (Bob Harcombe, aged 16) and Jo and James (West African natives), Sim Cheng Choo (Singapore house-boy), Drapah (Indian clerk), and 9,995 other employees of Cable and Wireless, Ltd. The 10,000 had all subscribed to the presentation of the insignia of the K.C.M.G. bestowed upon Sir Edward Wilshaw, chairman of the company, in the last Honours List.

## KOIVISTO CAPTURED: FINNS WITH BACKS TO THE WALL

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minutes in Helsingfors, the capital, and heavy explosions were heard in the suburbs.

The Finnish communists claim that five Russian planes were shot down over various fronts during the day.

**Finns Admit Withdrawal.**  
 SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
 HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Domel).—The Finnish Government announced that the islands off Koivisto in the Gulf of Finland have been abandoned by Finnish forces in view of the increasing Soviet pressure.

These islands form the western end of the Mannerheim Line and their loss is believed to be a serious blow to the Finnish defences.

**Reds Press Attacks.**  
 HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—An official Finnish communiqué issued yesterday announced that the Russians are still pressing their attacks on the western part of the Mannerheim Line.

The communiqué announced that the Finns had abandoned forts on the Koivisto Islands.

Practically the whole of Viborg has now been destroyed and all but a few Army units have left the town.

More defence lines are being thrown up.

**Will Cost Heavily.**  
 A correspondent who has just left the town reports that it cannot be taken by the Russians without their suffering tremendous losses.

There will be more heavy Russian losses before they can get any further, he stated.

A Finnish High Command communiqué issued to-day also reports increased air activity.

**Finland Plans in Action.**  
 Finnish planes have carried out reconnaissance and bombing flights over the Soviet rear lines and have taken part in a number of air battles.

## GERMANS IN HONGKONG

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sary arrangements for the delivery of the German prisoners will be completed in the near future.

**Foreign Minister's Silence.**  
 SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
 TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Anglophobes in Japan are apparently determined not to forget the Asama Maru incident.

An open letter has been addressed to the Foreign Minister by Mr. Kiyose, of the Jikoyuku Party, requesting clarification of the outcome of the issue.

The writer asks Mr. Arita to explain whether the British Note of January 27 expressed regret over the incident, and whether instructions given to Japanese shipping companies not to grant passages to Germans were issued at Britain's request.

The letter is a sequel to the "killing by silence" of an interpellation by Mr. Kiyose some days ago.

on Hongkong but without doing much damage.

**Berlin Denies Mediation.**  
 STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that the idea of German mediation between Finland and Russia has brought forward a fresh denial in Berlin, where it is officially stated that "from the beginning our attitude to the Finnish conflict has been that of a neutral observer. There has been no change in that attitude. Events in Finland concern only Finland and Russia."

**Finland Withdrawals.**  
 HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Following the abandonment of Koivisto Island fortress, it is reported that the Finns are preparing to evacuate the town of Sakkiarvi, five miles inland opposite Viborg and across Viborg Bay.

This probably means only evacuation of civilians.

The town is exposed to direct bombardment now that Koivisto is in Soviet hands.

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12.30 Excerpts from Puccini's—"Madam Butterfly," "La Fanciulla del West," "La Bohème" and "Tosca."

1.00 Local, Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Gerry Moore (Piano), His Rhythm and Sam Browne (Vocal).  
 1.30 Reuter and Rugby News, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Billy Cotton and His Band in Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.  
 6.00 An Hour of Dance Music and Variety.—Moon Love, White and Variety.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 Billy Mayerl—"Four Aces" Suite.—Rolo Da Costa (Piano).

7.15 Studio.—A talk on The Auxiliary Nursing Service by Mrs. Peters.  
 7.22 Cinema Organ Solos by Quentin Maclean.

7.30 London Relay.—The News.  
 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Roger Quilter.  
 8.30 Film Selections.—"King of the Ring"—Selection, Felix Mendelssohn and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection, Louis Levy and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

8.45 Dance Music by Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.  
 9.15 London Relay.—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay.—"Cards on the Table."  
 9.45 Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin.—Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23; Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38.

10.03 Some Schubert Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).—Near The Beloved, Op. 5, No. 2; Laughing and Weeping, Op. 59, No. 4; Night and Dreams, Op. 43, No. 2; Happiness.

10.13 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in G Major.—The B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.  
 11.00 Close Down.

## Boxer's Wife Seeks Divorce

MRS. JOHNNY KING

Mrs. Wynna King, wife of Johnny King, British bantam-weight boxing champion, has filed a petition for divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. King met at a dance in Manchester, and were married in February 1933. Their only child, Marlene, aged four, was knocked down outside her home at Falls-worth, Manchester, last May, and died a few days later.

## New Guilders Loan Over-Subscribed

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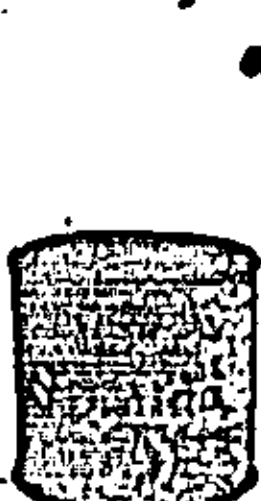
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#### Loan Or Taxes?

HAD NOT the Hongkong Govern-  
ment financed Loan Works such  
as the Jubilee Reservoir, the Kai  
Tak Airport and the Central Market  
from the Colony's Excess of Assets  
over Liabilities (pending reimburse-  
ment from two Loans which are to  
be floated at some nebulous date in  
the future), it would have been a  
comparatively simple matter to have  
made a substantial initial contribu-  
tion to the Empire's war effort  
without having recourse to new tax-  
ation.

Since, however, the Colony's  
visible Treasury balance has been re-  
duced from \$17,000,000 to \$3,000,000  
by advances pending reimbursement,  
any donation from this source is out  
of the question.

Nevertheless, there seems no valid  
reason why the vexed question of  
the Colony's contribution to the  
Imperial War Chest should not be  
answered by the less painful and  
completely voluntary method of War  
Loan rather than by direct taxation.

This method was used by Hong-  
kong in the Great War and obviated  
the necessity for additional taxation  
until July 1, 1917—three years after  
the outbreak of hostilities—when a  
special War Rate of seven per cent.  
was levied on Property for a period  
of two years.

The 1916 Hongkong War Loan was  
quickly over-subscribed and—again  
without recourse to extra taxation—  
was repaid within a decade or so of  
the Armistice.

To-day, as regards Public Debt,  
Hongkong is one of the most fortun-  
ate countries in the world. The  
Colony's Public Debt on December 1  
last stood at less than \$10,000,000  
(\$2,100,000) or roughly two-fifths  
of our annual income. Of the  
British Colonies which obtain ap-  
proximately the same revenue,  
Uganda has a Public Debt of  
£2,236,000, Mauritius of £3,000,000  
and British Guiana of £4,857,000.  
Many parts of the Empire in receipt  
of less revenue have higher Public  
Debts. Among them are:

	Revenue Public Debt
Jersey .....	514,000 £1,200,000
Guernsey .....	582,000 1,400,000
Fiji Islands ..	799,000 1,414,000
Jamaica .....	2,000,000 4,000,000
Newfoundland	2,000,000 20,000,000
Tanganyika ..	3,000,000 8,000,000
Kenya .....	3,000,000 17,000,000

Debts of other Colonies are:  
Ceylon ..... £13,000,000 || Straits Settlements | 12,000,000 |
F.M.S. ....	11,500,000
Gold Coast .....	11,435,000
Nigeria .....	24,705,000

It has been argued that the people  
of this Colony should make great  
sacrifices in order to prove their  
loyalty to the cause for which the  
Empire is fighting. But we weren't  
accused of disloyalty when we did  
not follow the lead of the Mother-  
land in the 1914-18 War. In fact,  
the people of this Colony, in addi-  
tion to over-subscribing the local  
War Loan of \$5,000,000 in the last  
War, invested in British war loans  
the amazing total of \$6,690,000  
which, at current rates of exchange,  
is approximately \$110,000,000. This  
amount, it should be emphasised,  
was voluntarily subscribed at the  
rate of \$110,000 per annum for  
four years—double the amount which  
Government proposes to raise to-day  
through extra taxation, and more  
than the entire Government revenue  
of each of those years.

The Colony's voluntary effort  
in the last war did not end with  
this extraordinary financial con-  
tribution. We raised £41,000 for



(Dr. Joseph Goebbels has announced that there must be more optimism and joy in Germany).  
Typical German Scene: Distributing crackers in a concentration camp.

# Questions for the Premier

by FRANCIS WILLIAMS

WHAT are the Peace  
Aims of the British  
Government? Mr.  
Chamberlain objects  
when asked to define them.

To do so, he said in the House  
of Commons would be futile and  
dangerous. Dangerous to whom,  
I wonder?

He considers that a determina-  
tion to defeat Hitlerism, combined  
with vague aspirations towards a  
"Utopian Europe" after the war,  
is all that a nation engaged upon  
a struggle which may prove the  
greatest in its history needs to sus-  
tain it.

He considers that such aspira-  
tions—the rosy bubbles of Sun-  
day evening eloquence—are in  
themselves sufficient to entitle us  
to the sympathy and confidence of  
the great neutrals and of the  
German people.

The defeat of Hitlerism is, of  
course, vital. But as I said last  
week, it is not a Peace Aim. It is a  
War Aim. If we do not achieve it  
then we need not worry ourselves  
about the future of Europe. It  
will be a Nazi Europe.

But if we succeed, as we must  
succeed, what then?

The last war cost the nations of  
the world some seven million lives  
and at least seventy thousand  
million pounds in money. This  
war may cost no less before it is  
finished.

It is a big price to pledge in ad-  
vance for Mr. Chamberlain's  
castle in the sky, of which we must  
not even ask to see the plans.

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain talking in vague generalities  
about a new Europe with a new  
spirit? There were plenty of fine

moral speeches during the last war.

And look at the result!

What is the good of Mr. Cham-  
berlain telling us that the new  
Europe will come into being gradu-  
ally over many years? If the his-  
tory of the world has any lesson, it  
is that what is good does not simply  
triumph of its own goodness.

Those who wish to alter the  
world for the better must think  
hard and work hard. They must  
know what they are prepared to  
sacrifice and what price they are  
ready to pay.

Says Mr. Chamberlain, it does  
not need a war to bring the idea  
of a better world into men's minds.

Well, Mr. Chamberlain has been  
either blind, or an influential mem-  
ber of the Government of this  
country for the past eight years.  
What sort of a new world has he  
tried to make in that time? What  
sort of a world has he in fact  
assisted in making?

Why should he consider that on  
his word alone or on that of any  
member of his Government, the  
people of Britain, the people of the  
neutral countries, the people of  
Germany, shall rest assured that  
after the war there will be estab-  
lished "a new Europe in which the  
nations will approach their diffi-  
culties with good will and toler-  
ance?"

That is too big an assumption to  
accept on the mere word of any  
man in the world.

It comes from that same stock-  
pot of complacency and wishful  
self-delusion out of which came

the watery soup of appeasement,  
the saddest banquet of "peace in  
our time."

Good will and tolerance and a  
new order of international society  
will not spring unbidden from the  
soil of war.

It is, of course, true that Britain  
will not alone have the making of  
the peace after the war. It is, of  
course, true that no one can yet  
foresee what shape the new fron-  
tiers of Europe will take.

But the durability of the peace  
will not depend solely on frontiers.  
It will depend in no small mea-  
sure upon the economic stability of  
the post-war world—upon the  
avoidance of such another econo-  
mic crisis as has previously always  
followed war.

If there had been no economic  
crisis in 1931, we should, I firmly  
believe, have been at peace to-day.  
It was not the Versailles Treaty  
which made Hitler master of Ger-  
many. It was the economic de-  
pression.

The Versailles Treaty—or rather  
certain clauses of the treaty—gave  
him his first inspiration and pro-  
vided him with the raw material  
of his first propaganda. But econo-  
mic depression was the recruiting  
sergeant which brought him to  
power.

If the present war leaves behind  
it the same legacy of economic dis-  
organisation and financial chaos  
we shall see the same destruction  
of fine ideals; the same emergence  
of dark and barbaric forces; the  
same world-wide impoverishment.

What have Mr. Chamberlain and  
his colleagues in mind to prevent  
that happening? What sacrifice  
of economic privilege are they pre-  
pared to contemplate? What pool-  
ing of world resources, what con-  
trol of finance are they ready to  
accept?

## Lindbergh Out Of Air Job

WASHINGTON.  
Colonel Charles Lindbergh has re-  
signed his membership of the National  
Advisory Committee on Aeronautics,  
not because of any immediate break  
with the Administration but owing to  
cumulative causes.

He has realised for months that he  
was out of tune with the Government.  
This manifested itself first publicly  
when he openly opposed the Presi-  
dent's plan to repeal the arms em-  
bargo and lent himself to the Isola-  
tionists' cause while the Senate was  
debating the issue.

He has also been under attack in  
many quarters for his close relation-  
ship with the Nazi regime and for  
receiving a decoration from Hitler.  
Finally he incurred further hostil-  
ity from the Press for his arrogant  
attitude toward it. President Roose-  
velt had no hesitation in accepting  
his resignation.

It can finance our  
contributions for that period on a  
truly voluntary basis—on a basis  
which would indicate more clearly  
than compulsory taxation the unani-  
mity of our people's desire to aid the  
Motherland.

pared to contemplate? What pool-  
ing of world resources, what con-  
trol of finance are they ready to  
accept?

Mr. Chamberlain declares that  
the British colonial system is al-  
ready operated as an international  
trusteeship. Has he so soon for-  
gotten the Ottawa Agreement  
which reduced the proportion of  
German goods entering British  
markets duty free from 80 per cent.  
to 4.5 per cent, and gave to that  
country and to Japan, which was  
even more hardly hit, a new excuse  
for aggression?

I remember writing, as that  
agreement was signed, that the  
effect of the policy of Imperial  
Preference in increasing economic  
inequality among nations and  
strengthening the forces making  
for war, could not easily be exag-  
gerated.

I do not, in the light of events,  
feel that I have anything to with-  
draw.

Are we going to make the same  
mistakes again? Or are we going  
to fight this war with a practical  
ideal in front of us? And are we  
prepared to tell the world what our  
contribution to the new world  
order will be?

Of course we cannot draw up in-  
advance the terms of a Peace  
Treaty whose date and circum-  
stances we cannot know. Of course  
we cannot assume that our ideas  
will always prevail when the peace  
conference is held, for whatever  
the terms of peace, they must be  
negotiated, not dictated.

But there are certain things we  
can do. I ask Mr. Chamberlain if  
he will do them now. Will  
he, as an evidence of sincerity, give  
these three guarantees?

(1) Will he announce that  
after the war Britain will give  
full democratic freedom to  
India and to any of our  
Colonial dependencies ready  
for it, the decision, in case of  
dispute, to rest, not with  
Britain, but with an Inter-  
national Court?

(2) Will he announce his  
Government's readiness to  
place the whole of our non-  
self-governing possessions  
under international mandate  
to be administered under inter-  
national supervision for the  
common good as a free trade  
area with none but strictly  
revenue tariffs?

(3) Will he guarantee that  
Britain will not accept any in-  
crease of territory as a conse-  
quence of the war, and will not  
demand, as we did last time,  
financial reparations from the  
defeated enemy?

These undertakings will not  
solve the world's post-war prob-  
lems—much more of planning  
and effort will be needed than that.  
But they will do something to  
help. And they will give to the  
people of Britain, to the people  
of the neutral countries, to the people  
of Germany, an assurance of sin-  
cerity that no smooth promise of a  
vague Utopia can offer.

If you mean what you say, Mr.  
Chamberlain, give these guaran-  
tees now. If you will not give them,  
then tell the people why not, so  
that they can judge you.



## SPEECHES COMPARED

### Hitler's Tap-Room Diatribe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The contrast between the speeches of Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain was the subject of comment in the newspapers of the world to-day.

In London the papers expressed warm approval of Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Several of them, including the "Times" and the "Manchester Guardian," quoted in their leading articles those passages of Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he set out the Allied peace aims.

The Labour paper, "Daily Herald," also stressed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that under the present German Government there could be no security for the future.

**Countries Must Be Freed**  
All would welcome a peace based on negotiations, but negotiations must be with German rulers who can guarantee their honesty by freeing the countries which they have invaded.

This reference to the Poles and Czechs is also stressed in other papers both at home and abroad. Commenting on Hitler's diatribe, the "Daily Express" comments on Hitler's move to the left and contrasts this with what he wrote in "Mein Kampf," in which he hoped to fight Russia with British approval, posing as the enemy of Bolshevism.

Now he is fighting England with Russian support, so he poses as the enemy of capitalism.

**No Originality**  
His speech contained nothing but threats and displayed no originality. It was a tap-room speech.

Typical of American comment is that of the "New York Herald Tribune," which says that Mr. Chamberlain did not propose peace plans, but had put forward a modest basis for the kind of peace which could be obtained if, for instance, the German Army overthrew the Nazis and offered to make a reasonable settlement.

Contrast this with Hitler's ruthlessness and inhumanity, says the paper. One has only to put the two speeches together to realise where lie the better conditions for Europe and the world.

### Mystery Radio Station

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Post Office engineers believe that the new British Broadcasting Company's first which anti-British propaganda was heard on Sunday night is a low power station operating somewhere in "a distant part of the Continent."

**Muddled Views**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A few radio listeners in Britain heard on Sunday a pathetic attempt to promote or provoke feeling against the British Government.

A radio station calling itself the new British Broadcasting Station with announcements in English came on the air but gave no indication of where it was located.

The announcer spoke as one Briton to another and talked at some length about the British war aims.

His commentary was chiefly notable for the muddled views displayed.

The broadcast ended with the National Anthem.

A similar broadcast by a station purporting to be a French station has also been heard.

### Roosevelt Continues Southern Tour

PANAMA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is returning to Balboa on Tuesday morning. Two destroyers will escort the U.S. Tuscarora.

President Boyd of Panama will accompany President Roosevelt through the Canal to Cristobal, after which the President will proceed direct to Pensacola.

## No Brass Bands Greet Arrival of Canadians

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A description of the landing of the first squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Sunday at a north-western coastal port was broadcast from Daventry yesterday by a BBC observer.

The most striking aspect of the landing, he said, was its simplicity.

There were no brass bands or cheering crowds.

It was not an occasion for eye-wash, it was an actual incident in war time and an important one.

A complete squadron, trained and equipped on active service, was landing according to pre-arranged plans.

It was a grey misty morning and the ship was close on shore when it was first sighted.

**Broke Into Song**  
As soon as the men disembarked they were "fallen-in." As they did so they kept on bursting out into song which those on shore could hear as the ship came into view.

A song, written by one of the squadron's own officers, is entitled "We've got a lovely war to win." A recording of the men singing this song was broadcast by the BBC as the observer commented, "It's got lots of kick in it."

Although there were one or two short speeches the occasion was not

## Tin Market Buoyant

### High Prices Attained In Forward Buying

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Following the International Tin Committee's decision to fix the quota for the second quarter at 80 per cent., business was transacted in forward tin up to £254 among office dealings, representing a rise of £7½ on the official closing.

While some sections of the market have discussed for some time a cut between 30 and 40 per cent., the decision came as a surprise to the majority of tin merchants and such reduction in the quota had not been evidenced in the trading.

Market circles agree that under the new quota, production approximates the current consumption, but leaves no margin for possible contingencies.

**U.K. Stocks Comfortable**  
At the same time, it is not overlooked that the United Kingdom stock position is now comfortable, as evidenced by the readiness of the authorities to grant export licences more freely.

Some are of the opinion that the Committee's decision may have been influenced by possible representations in the Netherlands interests for a higher price in view of the 14 per cent. decline in the value of sterling since the war.

The opinion is held that any such claim would undoubtedly be supported by the British in view of the importance of tin as a source of foreign exchange.

## British Pilot Decorated

### "Magnificent Courage"

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Squadron Leader Andrew Douglas Farquhar, of the Auxiliary Air Force in recognition of gallantry displayed against the enemy.

The Air Ministry states that "Farquhar led his squadron with magnificent dash and courage on several occasions," and during this month while on patrol brought down an enemy plane by shooting so accurately that only a small amount of ammunition was expended.

## COMMON GROUND IN DENIALS

### Newspaper's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Commenting on the speeches made by Mr. Chamberlain and Hitler, the "Washington Post" finds "some common ground" in Hitler's denial that he seeks world domination and Mr. Chamberlain's denial that the Allies seek to encompass the destruction of Germany and adds that "Mr. Chamberlain holds out to Germany a pledge of co-operation."

"It will be Mr. Sumner Welles' mission to find out if this common ground is sufficient to support a peace effort, or whether the only alternative is to fight to the bitter end," concludes the paper.

## S. Rhodesia's War Contribution

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A communiqué on the recent conversations between the United Kingdom and the Minister of Defence for Southern Rhodesia was issued by the Dominions Office yesterday.

An agreement was reached, says the communiqué, on the financial aspects of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia during the war and arrangements were made to use the ground air forces of Southern Rhodesia to the best possible advantage.

## AD. SCHEER AT LARGE

### But Deutschland Has Had Enough

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Return of the pocket-battleship Deutschland to a German port leaves the Admiral Scheer as the only German surface craft operating outside German waters, naval circles revealed to-night.

One-third of the German's Y-mine fleet—believed by experts to be the maximum that can be operated on the high seas at any one time—continues to prowls the waters of the North Sea and the Atlantic.

These U-boats and mines, thus far, have borne the main burden of Germany's thrust against Britain, and are responsible for the greater part of the Allied losses.

Aerial mine-laying is believed to have proved too costly and inefficient in comparison with the U-boats, which also plant mines. The German air fleet, however, has had considerable success in its bombing operations.

**Close Nazi Secret**  
The navy has made a close official secret the number of U-boats that Germany now has, how many she is building, and how many have been sunk. I asked authorized circles to-night if there was any announcement expected regarding submarine losses.

"I see no reason to expect an announcement," he declared. Later he refused to answer whether his statement meant there had been no German losses.

Well-informed neutral sources believe Germany had about 71 submarines shortly after the beginning of the war, and is now turning out six to eight U-boats a month. By the end of this year, German production will reach a maximum rate of two boats every three days, which is 20 a month or 240 a year.

**Men, Not Ships**  
(In London, British naval circles pointed out that losses of U-boats should not be measured in terms of numbers sunk, but in terms of crews that are lost. They pointed out that years of experience for naval officers to become proficient at handling submarines, while crews are always hand-picked and highly trained. They claimed it was easy to build submarines but extremely hard to build up good personnel.)

Neutral sources believe that about 20 German U-boats have been sunk. These same sources believe the British will have to double the present rate of sinking to keep ahead of German building. They recalled the British reached a maximum rate of eight to ten sinkings a month towards the end of the World War, and boasted a war-long average of 4½ monthly.

German submarine building on a mass production basis is believed now to occupy about 70 of the 75 existing berths, while most remaining facilities are devoted to completing such ships as the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz.

**240 U-boats A Year**  
With each berth able to handle two or more U-boats, this means that about 150 building places are available. It is estimated that it takes about nine months to build each boat, which gives an average of 240 that can be built each year. Some delay occurred as a result of the freezing of canals during the past month, it is understood.

To facilitate mass production, the Germans are believed to be concentrating on the 250, 500 and 740-ton classes. Experts discount repeated rumours the Germans are building a swarm of midget U-boats since this would disrupt the present mass production equipment and boats smaller than 250 tons are imperilled by the North Sea storms and have only a limited range.

## Arming Our Trawlers

### Tremendous Task Makes Progress

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—In the House Commons to-day, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said that the defensive arming of trawlers and coasting vessels in the North Sea was proceeding with all speed.

He said that the machine guns which were supplied to Finland were not so suitable for anti-aircraft defence as those now being fitted to trawlers and coasting steamers.

The problem of arming all ships, he said, was one of very great magnitude.

He assured the House that it was going on and was not being held up in any way by the fact that arms were being sent to Finland.

**Working At Top Speed**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—British shipyards are kept up with orders, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said yesterday afternoon.

The speed of their output will be increased, he said, and new yards will be arranged.

## Hongkong Aid For Finns

The total donations to the "Friends of Finland Fund" have now reached \$10,975.

A further £200 was remitted by telegraphic transfer on Saturday, making a total contribution from Hongkong of £663.

## Continuance Of Trade Pact Programme

### Strongly Urged By Mr. Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The resolution for continuing the United States present trade pact programme for three years from June 12, which was approved by the House of Representatives on Friday, will be considered by the Senate this week.

The resolution is expected to receive a majority of at least eight in the Senate.

Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing the Senate Finance Committee, declared that the continuance of the trade programme was necessary to help to establish sound world conditions after the war.

**Future Dark, Unless—**  
"Unless we continue to maintain our position of leadership in the promotion of liberal trade policies and urge upon others the need for adopting such policies as a basis for post-war economic reconstruction the future will be dark indeed," he said.

"At the termination of hostilities, there will be an unprecedented need for world-wide and for vastly increased production of useful goods of every kind. Only if this vital need is met can our country and all the other countries hope for full enjoyment and higher living standards," he concluded.

Washington is jubilant at the resolution of approval made by the House of Representatives.

## U.S. Loan To China

### Japan Is Seriously Concerned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The proposed new American loan to China formed the subject of comment by the spokesman of the Foreign Office during to-day's Press conference.

The spokesman warned that the loan, if granted, would be regarded by Japan with serious concern, "even if it does not directly foster Chungking's resistance to Japan."

The spokesman admitted that a foreign loan to China in any form would certainly strengthen the political situation for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

## Mr. Welles Off To See Hitler

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Berlin on Tuesday night. He saw Signor Mussolini at Venezia Palace late this afternoon.

**Hour's Talk With Duce**  
ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles' talk with Signor Mussolini lasted about an hour.

Immediately afterwards, Mr. Welles returned to his hotel and declined to make a statement.

**Lively Italian Interest**  
ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Italian indifference to Mr. Sumner Welles' visit suddenly gave way to an atmosphere of lively interest after he had

## MOSLEMS' FATE

### Safe With Britain But Imperilled By Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "Ahrma," in an article by Deputy Ahmed Mokhtar entitled "England and Islam," draws a striking comparison between the fate of Moslems under Britain and those under Nazis and Bolsheviks.

Deputy Mokhtar relates how, during a visit to India, he was pleased to observe that the Moslems enjoyed every religious and cultural liberty, "and not only in India but all parts of the British Empire."

Deputy Mokhtar goes on to describe the massacre and persecution of Moslems under the Bolsheviks, "who have oppressed their religion and beliefs and confiscated schools and mosques. Such is the life of Moslems under brutal Bolshevism."

**Moslems' Present Peril**  
"Regarding Nazis, the human mind cannot imagine what Moslems might suffer if they fell under the Nazi regime. We have plenty of examples of the atrocities they commit against the conquered without any regard for sacred human rights."

"We have no doubt that all Moslem leaders appreciate the peril at the present moment and will find no way of escaping the threats of Bolshevism and Nazism and of exterminating them except by co-operating with Britain and France until victory over the aggressors is obtained."

"Our interest is interest in world peace, which lies in the victory of Britain."

## TWO STEAMERS TORPEDOED

HENDAYE, France, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It has been confirmed that the Spanish steamer Banderas, which was reported on February 21 to have been destroyed by an explosion, was torpedoed by a U-boat.

**British Ship Lost**  
GLASGOW, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The 4,900-ton Loch Maddy was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 22. Four lives were lost and 35 survivors were picked up by a warship which was believed to have sunk the U-boat.

**Swedish Vessel Sunk**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that the 3,480-ton Swedish steamer Santos has been sunk in the northern region of the North Sea.

Thirty people were aboard including a number of passengers.

Up to the present it is reported that 12 have been saved.

## New Stamp Will Symbolise Amity

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The issuing of an Anglo-French postage stamp later in the year as a symbol of Anglo-French unity is now being discussed between the British Postmaster General and the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

seen Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano.

Immediately after Mr. Welles had seen Count Ciano in the morning, the Italian Foreign Minister hurried to the Palazzo Venezia and spent half an hour, laying the gist of the talk before Il Duce.

## Bitter Japanese Attack On Sir Victor Sassoon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Domei).—The prediction that the Japanese People will soon turn against their Army because of the impending economic collapse and the "belief that much is supposed to go to the Army is sticking to the fingers of the Army's higher-ups," assertedly made at New York on February 24 by Sir Victor Sassoon, the well-known British financier in China has been vigorously assailed by the Japanese Embassy spokesman.

The spokesman described Sir Victor's statements as a "grave slander not only against the Japanese Army but also against the Japanese people."

Japanese military and naval spokesmen associated themselves with this attack, which, the spokesman referred to as based upon the assumption that Mr. Sassoon had not been misquoted.


**Jews In Shanghai**  
The report quoting Sir Victor has caused "painful surprise among Shanghai's Japanese community and officials," the spokesman said.

"The Japanese authorities have given serious consideration to the Jewish question and has extended facilities for the settlement of Jewish emigrants in Shanghai."

Over 10,000 Jews have been residing in peace and security in the Japanese defence sector in Shanghai because of this considerate attitude of the Japanese authorities, which is based upon humanitarian grounds.

"It is regrettable that such a prominent member of the Jewish Race should have demonstrated such a lack of appreciation for the Japanese attitude."

"The Japanese authorities have even restricted the influx of Japanese civilians, into Shanghai because of the inevitable housing shortage such mass arrivals would precipitate, but

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### Rifle Shooting

#### SUNDAY'S MEET ATTRACTS RECORD ENTRIES

Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, the last before the annual Bliley Meeting, which takes place from March 27 to April 1, inclusive, attracted the record attendance of 150 competitors.

Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the "A" Range was not available, considerable congestion was caused with only eight targets on the "B" Range, and consequently the original programme of 200, 600 and 900 yards had to be curtailed to the first two ranges only.

keen interest was displayed in the programme, which was arranged by the 2nd Battalion the Royal Scots, who provided 12 silver Regimental spoons for competition. These were presented by Mrs. S. E. H. E. White, who was given three hearty cheers.

The Royal Naval Range Staff won the Open Sights team match with 230 points, and were followed by the Hongkong Volunteers Defence Corps "E" team, who were runners-up with 223 points.

The Dockyard Rifle Club won the Aperture Sights team event with 267.3 points, while Royal Scots were runners-up with 257.16 points.

The pairs competition was won by C/Sgt. P. Hale and Cpl. R. Langford, of the Middlesex Regiment, who obtained 123 points out of a possible 140.

#### REVOLVER SHOOT

Mr. W. A. Tansley again took the net spoon in the revolver shoot at 15 and 20 yards with 50 out of 60, while Lt. G. Dawson, of the Middlesex Regt., won the handicap spoon with 45.

A successful morning was spent in Clay Pigeon shooting, two competitions being fired. Lt. Bateman and Surg. Lt. Macdonald, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, who have been unable to attend recently, made a re-appearance, the latter signifying his return by winning both competitions, thus securing two spoons.

In the Single Rifle event of 25 birds, Macdonald got 16, while he secured eight in the Double Rifle event.

Leading Scores on Sunday were as follows:

#### OPEN SIGHTS

	200	500	Total
1. Sgt. R. J. Heap	29	51	80
2. Cpl. J. C. Remedios	29	51	80
3. Cpl. A. D'Amico	29	51	80
4. Sgt. (R) R. A. Jones	29	51	80
5. Cpl. J. Berry	29	51	80
6. L.C. Cash	29	51	80
7. Mre. S. Croft	29	51	80
8. L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios	29	51	80
9. Sgt. T. Baker	29	51	80
10. Cpl. J. A. De	29	51	80
11. Sgt. W. R. Nunn	29	51	80
12. Mre. P. Tynan	29	51	80
13. Sgt. M. F. Rushman	29	51	80
14. Cpl. M. Neave	29	51	80
15. Cpl. H. Buller	29	51	80
16. Cpl. N. Naranjan Singh	29	51	80
17. Cpl. R. M. Medhurst	29	51	80
18. Cpl. V. M. Harnett	29	51	80
19. Cpl. R. Langford	29	51	80
20. Cpl. M. W. Bennett	29	51	80
21. Sgt. (R) C. W. H. Jones	29	51	80
22. Major S. White	29	51	80
23. Cpl. A. Ribeiro	29	51	80
24. Cpl. J. C. Ferreira	29	51	80
25. Cpl. F. Cole	29	51	80
26. L/Sgt. (R) O. Leong	29	51	80
27. Cpl. L. A. Bastian	29	51	80
28. Cpl. A. F. Ferreira	29	51	80
29. Cpl. H. Jones	29	51	80
30. Cpl. R. F. Jones	29	51	80
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#### APERTURE SIGHTS

	34	34	68
1. C/Sgt. P. Hale	34	34	68
2. Cpl. A. J. Le Seclieur	34	34	68
3. Sub. Lt. G. P. P.	34	34	68
4. Sgt. W. G. Jones	34	34	68
5. M/A. V. Cooper	34	34	68
6. P. B. Chanchal Singh	34	34	68
7. Mre. A. F. Evans	34	34	68
8. A.P. (R) D. Lole	34	34	68
9. Mr. W. Trenchard	34	34	68
10. Cpl. E. G. Delany	34	34	68
11. Mr. A. L. Warburton	34	34	68
12. Mr. W. K. Gilman	34	34	68
13. M/A. W. P. Thompson	34	34	68
14. Cpl. E. G. Delany	34	34	68
15. Sgt. F. P. Sequeira	34	34	68
16. Sgt. B. M. Bateman	34	34	68
17. Mr. H. G. Foreman	34	34	68
18. Sub. Lt. F. R. L. N.	34	34	68
19. (H) Winner of Handicap spoon: (N) Possible Butten: (R) Winner of Range spoon: winner of (N) or (H) will have his Handicap reduced by one point.			

### SPORTS ADVTs.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th February, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## TO CRAIGENGOWER C.C. FOR BEATING RECREIO

On Saturday last Craigengower served up the surprise of the day when they beat the Recreio. The K.C.C. should be very grateful to them this season as they earlier held the I.R.C. to a draw, incidentally very nearly beating them. K.C.C. are now practically sure of the Shield.

I cannot imagine that when Craigengower were all out for 86 anyone thought they had much chance. Ernie Zimmer alone got over twenty, while the only other double figures were scored by A. R. H. Esmail, Hulase and A. K. Ismail. Ozorio (2/30) met with less than his usual success and E. L. Gosano's 3/34 was less than his usual grace. But L. G. Gosano took three for 11 and A. P. Pereira 2 for four. So far so good. (By the way some of these Recreio lads are going to turn in remarkable bowling figures at the end of the season!)

BUT the opening Recreio bats collapsed completely—usually one of the first four comes off—and the only resistance really offered was when G. N. Gosano and Reed (as in the Civil Service match) pulled things together in a seventh wicket stand of forty odd.

This shows what a miserable failure the rest were for the total was only twenty. Zimmer switched his bowlers about, (five of them collected 20 each) and all the while he succeeded. F. R. Zimmer had 2 for 20. Which 1 for ten, Billimoria—now back in form—4 for 17 in 8 overs, and very nice tool and small one for nine.

In a way it reminded me of the Recreio and Navy match at the end of last season when the Navy got them out pretty cheap only to fail with the bat. If it is a tight fit I think Recreio are more dangerous trying to get their opponents out than going themselves for runs. It was the collapse I have been expecting. But seeing they kept me waiting for about two seasons they need hardly reproach themselves, save that it will prevent their game with K.C.C. being quite the needle affair it might have been otherwise.

#### AS USUAL

THE I.R.C. were too much for the C.S.C.C. but the latter have had the worst of luck. Again McLellan and Fortescue were unable to turn out, and they cannot bring in brilliant substitutes like N. Cass who got 71. (N.B. This is what Artimus Ward used to call a "goak" and the French a "tire-jambe". I have a pretty good idea who he is. Of course I may be wrong. But "nuff said". Another trouble of the C.S.C.C. is that Perry is hopelessly overworked—I doubt if any man has played so many innings or bowled so many overs in this season. Whitley has a patch and accordingly the C.S. bowling—was not! The I.R.C. ran up 189 for four declared—Y. el Arcuili (25) A. H. Mardar 51 not out.

#### GRIFFITHS RETURNS

IT was good to see Griffiths back in the side and in form—he hung on gallantly for 59 not out. But Richardson, Perry and Hollidge all failed again. Colledge (18) shows signs of returning to form but Hawkins, Barrow and Lawrence all had ducks and Whitley only hit out and got 37. Griffiths and he added 67 for the eighth wicket. If the C.S. can get a few more people to come off at once they will do better. Minu 12.1-2-40-0 was in excellent form. But I hear the catching on both sides was shocking.

#### ARMY WIN

THE Army had little trouble with the University at Sookunpo. Sergeant Webb (congratulations on his promotion unless it is merely a "score" one) again came off and has run into form. He knocked out 88 not out. M. J. Harvey had a cheerful 22 and extras 21. Declaring at 177 for 9 the Army had the game in hand. Matthews (20), K. S. Oh (15) and T. S. Chan (14) alone got double figures. Young—a good left-hander if he is the man I saw bowling about six weeks ago—had the excellent figures of 7-3-10-6.

#### SECOND DIVISION

CRAIGENGOWER second eleven were much too good for the Varsity second at the Valley. Their principal scorers were T. Lock (50 not out), A. M. Omar (34) and W. K. Way 28. Declaring at 173 for eight they skittled the Varsity out for 70 of which R. M. Soares got no less than 45 not out, going in second wicket down. A good performance.

#### POLICE LOSE

IN a low scoring game on the police ground, the I.R.C. got the Police out for 88 of which Pope (48) and Loughton (24) scored 50. There were no extras. M. R. Abbas (10.5-3-32-7) did most of the damage. But Pope and Danbrowski bowled well and made the I.R.C. go all the way to win by two wickets. Actually they were all out for 88 runs. Danbrowski, who might have been put on earlier, had 2-6-10-4. This sends the I.R.C. top of the Second Division table with 12 points in 8 games. K.C.C. have a similar number of points but have played one more game.

#### NON-LEAGUE GAMES

LLOYD played for a very A team of H.K.C.C. against Kowloon who were not at full strength but were less to prices than the Club. They ran up 166 for 7 declared with I. Nunn now out 54. I have not seen him but but toney he used to play for the Air Force a little while ago. B. D. Lay got 5 for 33 and put the Club out for the poor score of 81.

#### CLUB SECONDS WIN

IT is becoming a custom in this very troubled season to borrow school-boys—or boys who have just left school—to fill up a side, (which side it matters not!), when there is a shortage of members from Camp or other reasons. It is, I think, an excellent idea as it gives the youngsters experience of bigger cricket—that is cricket outside school games—and will probably help the Colony's cricket in two or three years. On Saturday the Club second in a non-league game borrowed F. A. Weller, who made 91 incidentally. Odell and N. L. Smith. Weller's innings was an excellent one. N. L. Smith bowled very well and took five wickets cheaply.

#### RACE WEEK GAMES

AS usual those who do not care over much for the Social Function of the big Race Meeting got together and played cricket. On Monday the Club took on the Volunteers. Mitchell captained them and had three men obliged to call off on Monday morning but he managed to collect used to call a "goak" and the French a "tire-jambe". I have a pretty good idea who he is. Of course I may be wrong. But "nuff said". Another trouble of the C.S.C.C. is that Perry is hopelessly overworked—I doubt if any man has played so many innings or bowled so many overs in this season. Whitley has a patch and accordingly the C.S. bowling—was not! The I.R.C. ran up 189 for four declared—Y. el Arcuili (25) A. H. Mardar 51 not out.

#### VOLUNTEERS V. K.C.C.

THE next day Volunteers went over to K.C.C. and, finding the home side short of bowling, ran up 203 for nine declared. With one exception every one got into double figures. They then got their opponents out in the last over. Parsons brought off a splendid catch off a cover slash by Anderson, which would probably have killed him if he had not his hands to it. On this day 356 runs were scored.

#### VOLUNTEERS OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS

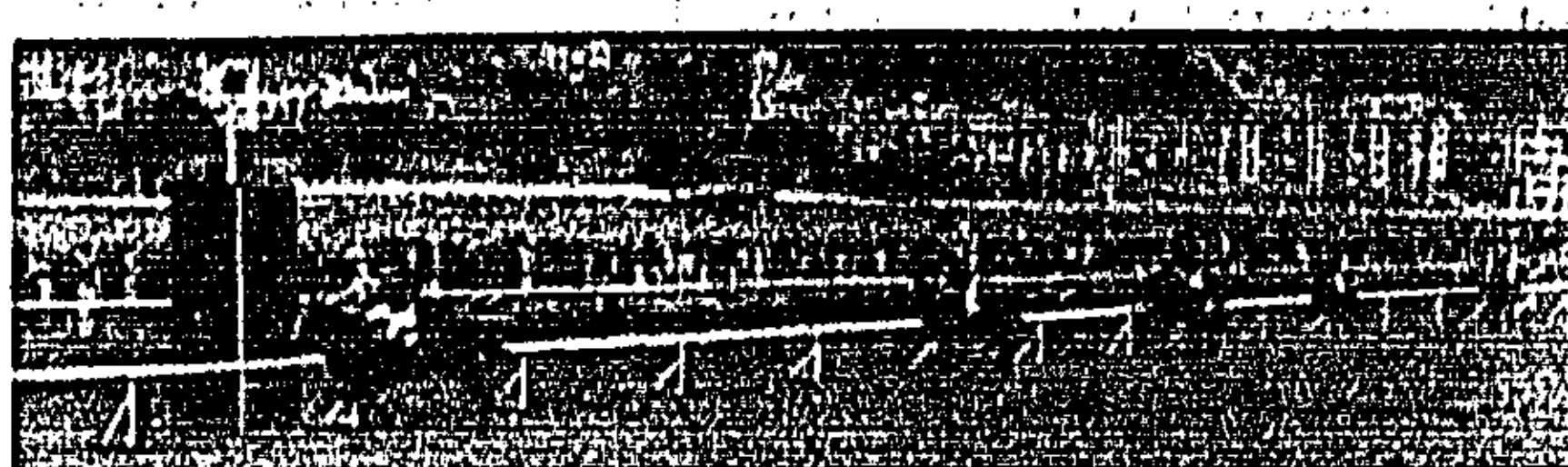
This game on Wednesday does not appear to have obtained much notice chiefly, I imagine, because it was such a filthy afternoon. The officers made a poor start with three down for 50 but Anderson got 72 and Mitchell 55, not out. Gilina 35 not out, playing his first game of the season made a rather shaky start. Declaration was made at 197 for 4 wickets—but the weather was beastly. Owen and Hughes bowled well for his side and took all nine wickets that fell. In fact many thought that Walker caught Divett off him just at the end but both batsman and umpire disagreed! The total score was 102 for 9 wickets. R. D. Walker (more usually referred to as "Railway") kept very well considering it was the first time in nineteen years!

#### SUNDAY CRICKET

I hear the Volunteers-University match on Sunday had to be cancelled, but apparently the Army Second took on and beat the Royal Air Force pretty comfortably. The Army only totalled 137—Smyer 33 and Gardner 28—but the Air Force could manage no more than 67. I must say, however, that I was surprised to see Hatfield, a regular opening bowler for the first, go on to start for the second eleven. His figures were 8-4-10-5. Nancarrow (21) alone met with any success.

#### FANLING BOGEY POOL

R. J. K. Walker won the Bogey Pool over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end when he returned a card of six down. There were 11 entries. One of the cards (one down) was marked by a lady and was therefore disqualified.



The Australian Ponies Champions last Saturday produced one of the closest finishes seen during the Annual Race Meeting, Lan's Far View (H. C. Pih up) just managing to beat by a short head Mr. L. Dunbar's Baffin Bay, which was ridden by H. J. A. Heane.—Mee Cheung.

## United States Win Hypothetical Olympiad

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—With the Olympic Games for 1940 cancelled, the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has worked out the results of a hypothetical meeting. Their conclusions are based on last year's performances. Adopting the usual points system of 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, for the first six places, they make the United States winners with 209.3 points. Finland came second with 103 points and Germany, third, with 74.2.

### Tsui Yun-Pui To Marry

Tsui Yun-pui, the well-known tennis player and joint-holder of the Colony's Doubles Championship with his brother, Tsui Wai-pui, is shortly to marry Miss Ip Yung-hing, of 10 On Wo Lane. Notice to this effect was given at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

### BADMINTON CHANGES

The Colony Badminton championship matches scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, on which date a Colony Black-out will take place, have been postponed a week to Tuesday, March 12, at the same venues and times.

The matches concerned are as follows:  
Men's Doubles Championship—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Bastian v. H. Harcourt and N. Smith; King's College, 8 p.m.; C. K. Cheah and T. Chin v. F. H. and D. Kwok (King's College 8.30 p.m.); S. and P. H. Wong v. K. L. Lui v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Takook, 8.30 p.m.).

#### WIN FOR CHINESE "Y"

Chinese "Y" defeated University "B" by six sets to three in the "A" Division last night. Scores: A. H. Lau and S. C. Chung (Chinese "Y") beat C. K. Cheah and K. B. Low 23-20; beat C. K. Lee and T. B. Teow 21-13; lost to S. L. Yung and T. T. Chi 19-21. P. H. Wong and F. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat Cheah and Low 21-6; beat Lee and Teow 21-13; lost to Yung and Chi 19-21. C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y") lost to Cheah and Low 15-21; beat Lee and Teow 21-16; beat Yung and Chi 21-14.

## Why Tommy Farr Left The R.A.F.

Several days ago, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, announced in the House of Commons amidst much applause that Tommy Farr, the famous boxer, had been released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

According to the latest newspapers from Home, Farr was actually discharged from the R.A.F., which he joined on the day following the declaration of war, towards the end of December. Farr, who was reported to be very disappointed over the matter, then made the following statement:

"I went in as a second class air-craftsman and I came out with the same rank. I wanted to be an air gunner or an observer. Naturally I had to go through a further medical examination. My left ear and right eye have been giving me trouble for quite a long time.

"I don't think it is very serious or that it will affect my boxing. I feel very miserable about it all, because I was really getting back to normal. I was quite happy and contented with food and conditions in the R.A.F., and, believe me, I am terribly sorry to leave the force. I still want to do my bit, but will take a few days to decide whether I shall join the Army or whatever course will serve the country best.

"Anyway, I will be ready whenever I am wanted.

"I would like actually to go out to the front, but will take a few days to decide whether I shall join the Army or whatever course will serve the country best.

Great Britain share sixth place with Norway with 14 points each Sweden and Japan coming before them. After that come Italy, Australia, Belgium, Estonia, Poland, Peru and the Netherlands.

There is some departure from a strict Olympic programme and the insertion of a mile race gives the only British winner, S. C. Wooderson, the World record holder. There are two other additions to the Olympic programme, 100 yards and two miles.

The A.A.U. award the events of the various countries as follows:

#### UNITED STATES

100 metres—Jeffrey and Ellerbee, 10.2 seconds.  
200 metres—Jeffrey, 20.7 sec.  
110 metres hurdles—Wolcott, 14.1 sec.  
High Jump—Steers, 6 ft. 9 1/2 ins.  
Pole Vault—Meadows, 14 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

Discus—Fox, 175 ft. 6 1/2 ins.  
Weight-putt—Hackney, 53 ft. 7 ins.  
100 yards—Wilbur Greer, Mack Robinson and Brian Dunn (Australia).

#### FINLAND

2 miles—Macki, 8 min. 53.2 sec.  
5,000 metres—Macki, 14 min. 8.8 sec.  
10,000 metres—Macki, 29 min. 52.3 sec.  
Javelin—Järvinen, 250 feet.  
Hammer—Beirila, 192 ft. 6 ins.

#### GERMANY

400 metres—Harbig, 46 sec.  
800 metres—Harbig, 1 min. 46.8 sec.  
400 metres hurdles—Hoelling, 51.8 sec.

#### GREAT BRITAIN

1,500 metres—Anderson, 3 min. 48.8 sec.

#### SWEDEN

Long Jump—Gengon Kin, 28 ft.

#### JAPAN

Hop, step and jump—Heare Storm, 52 ft.

#### NORWAY

Hop, step and jump—Heare Storm, 52 ft.

### COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

A paper hunt will be held for members of the Cottage Club on Saturday. Riders will gather at the Club House at 3 p.m., where Club ponies will be drawn for.

The hunt will start at 3.30 p.m. and the location will be announced later so that riders of privately-owned ponies can send their mounts to the meet.

### HONGKONG C. C. 2ND XI

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI against the University 2nd XI on Saturday: E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, G. E. R. Divett, Surg. Lt.-Comdr. W. G. Finnie, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, H. J. D. Lowe, Brig. T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb.

The first division match against the Indian R.C. on Saturday has been postponed owing to the rugged game between the Club and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank taking away more than half their players.

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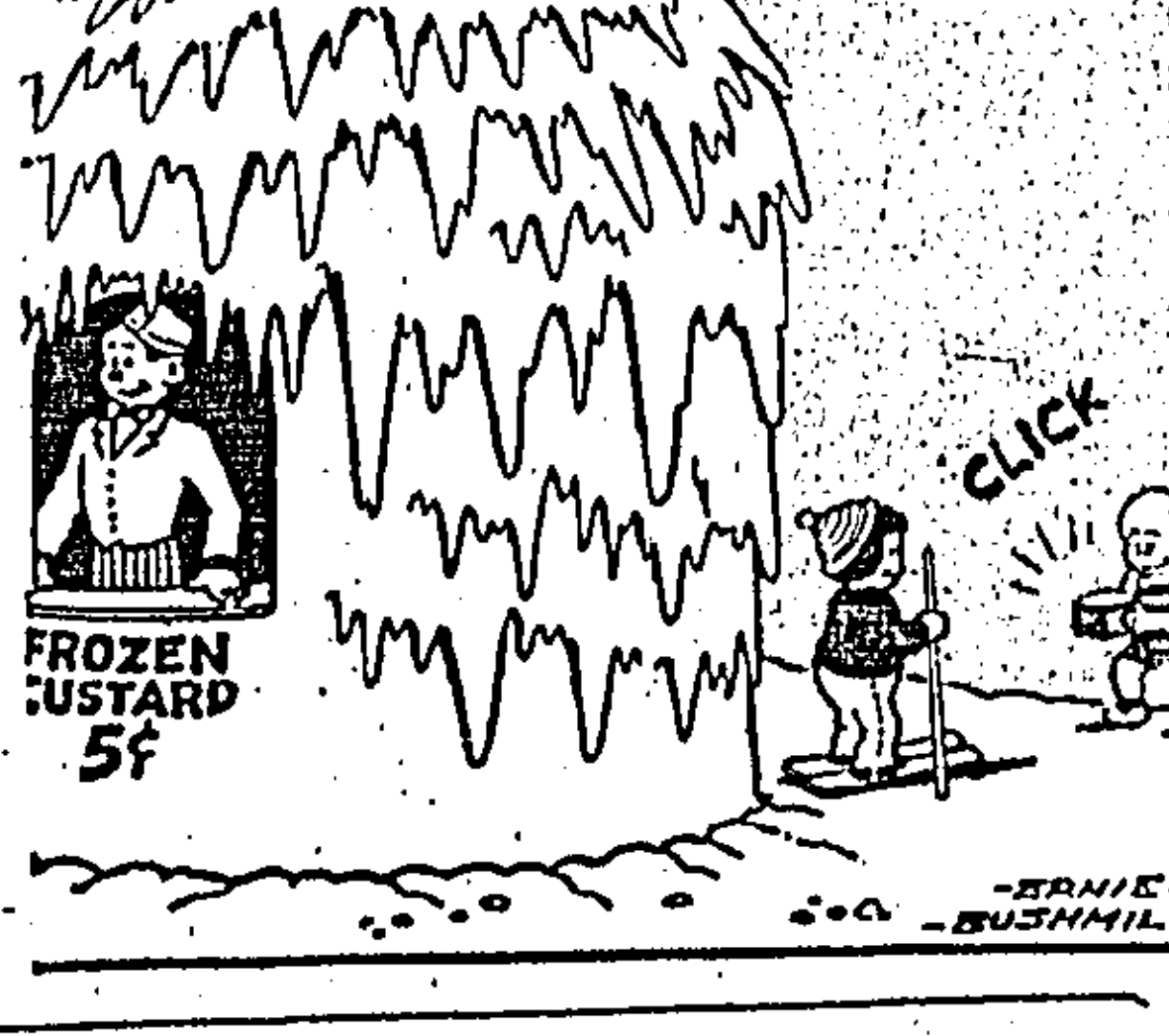
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

# FIRST FULL AND OFFICIAL STORY OF ALTMARK AFFAIR

## Thrilling Action Described

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wireless).—A description of the release by H.M.S. Cossack of prisoners from the Altmark was given this evening in a broadcast by "Naval Eye-witness," who related how, but for a description of the Altmark given by the Graf Spee's prisoners who were released at Montevideo, that ship would have passed from knowledge until she and the 299 prisoners had reached Germany.

But that description was known to the three R.A.F. reconnaissance machines which on February 16 sighted a ship answering to the Altmark's description. Diving low over the stern they were able to read her name and reported her position. On the afternoon of that day, the force of destroyers sent to intercept her sighted the Altmark. She was then steaming south, hugging the Norwegian coast and was escorted by two Norwegian gunboats.

At a point where the southern end of Norway curves a little east, there is a little fjord called Jostedal. The entrance is only 200 yards wide and the inlet extends inland a little over a mile.

The Altmark turned into this fjord, accompanied by her Norwegian escort. It seemed incredible to the senior officer of the Cossack that the Altmark should be ceremoniously conducted on a voyage to Germany by Norwegian men-of-war if she really had 300 prisoners on board.

The Cossack accordingly followed the Norwegian gunboats into Jostedal fjord to ask for enlightenment. The Altmark proceeded some distance up the fjord and the two gunboats turned to meet the Cossack. The Norwegian officer stated emphatically that the Altmark had been examined on the previous day, that she was authorised to travel through territorial waters with a Norwegian pilot on board, that she carried no armament and that he was ignorant of the presence of any British prisoners.

**Admiralty's Curt Reply**  
Accepting the statement without question the Cossack immediately withdrew outside territorial waters and asked for Admiralty instructions. They were sent and perfectly clear.

If the British prisoners were not on board the Altmark, where were they? Only one person could answer the question and that was the Captain of the Altmark.

The Cossack again entered Jostedal fjord to solve the mystery. A beam of the Cossack's searchlight immediately located the Altmark in a nick of ice at the far end of the fjord. The Altmark also switched on a searchlight and directed it on the Cossack's bridge, trying to impede her navigation and began signalling with a Morse lamp the rather redundant information that she was in Norway.

One Norwegian gunboat went near to the Cossack and the latter asked permission to send a joint British and Norwegian search party on board the Altmark in the Norwegian gunboat. The Norwegian Captain replied that his ship was not able to reach the Altmark through the ice, but he finally consented to go in the Cossack and accompany the boarding party.

**Daring Manoeuvre**  
The Altmark was now manoeuvring stern first out of the ice towards the Cossack in an endeavour to ram her. By most dexterous handling the Captain of the Cossack laid her bows alongside the stern of the Altmark, and the First Lieutenant jumped to the Altmark's poop, caught a rope flung to him and secured the two ships together.

A boarding party of 30 men and two officers was in readiness. The officers were armed with revolvers and the men with rifles and bayonets. As a precaution against impulsive shooting, the cutouts of the rifles were closed, and only the magazines were loaded.

Immediately the ships were secured, the boarding party leaped on board. The upper deck of the Altmark was brightly illuminated and there was not a soul visible. Followed by the party of men the First Lieutenant ran forward along a plank bridge spanning the after well-deck and came to a steel door leading to the bridge and superstructure. Bursting through, they were confronted by a German officer with a pistol level-

## NAZI CONCESSION TO RED CROSS

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is announced that the German Government has given the American Red Cross permission to carry out relief work in the "territory of the Government General" of Poland. Representatives of the American organisation will be allowed to enter this territory to distribute supplies from American in conjunction with the German Red Cross.

These supplies will be admitted duty free and at reduced transport charges. The territory indicated excludes Pomerania, Posen and Upper Silesia, which were annexed to the Reich after the September "Blitzkrieg."

ed at them. Realising the futility of it, he shrugged his shoulders and threw it on deck.

**How Altmark Ground**  
The Captain and officers were found on the bridge working the engine telegraphs, and they suddenly admitted that they had British prisoners on board. The telegraphs were promptly stopped, but by this time the Altmark had so much stern way that she grounded, stern first, on the rocks on the opposite side of the fjord.

The Cossack cast off and slipped clear of the Altmark, avoiding shoving her fate on the rocks. While the First Lieutenant was getting control of the bridge, a Lieutenant and a gunner were rounding up the German crew between decks.

Suddenly a shot rang out in one of the alley-ways and the gunner fell seriously wounded. He was taken to the sick bay, where a German doctor attended him. Little noises were going on all over the ship as the Germans were overpowered and placed under guard. A boat, full of Germans, had been lowered, and dropped through the ice, smashing it. These men stayed where they were clinging to the life lines.

Another party escaped with rifles across the ice to the shore. They were presumably the armed guard from the Graf Spee put on board to guard the prisoners. They kept up an intermittent fire from land but hit nobody. Once the officers were under guard, the First Lieutenant took the Captain down to show him where the prisoners were. The British boarders smashed the locks with rifle butts and prised off the heavy hatches to the hold.

**"The Navy's Here"**  
"The Navy's here," they shouted. "Come out of it!"

200 men came out and mustered on the forecabin, cheering wildly.

The Cossack then came alongside the bow and the prisoners transferred with their belongings. She was delayed by the rescue from the water of a German seaman who had jumped overboard. What his motives were in doing so are unknown because he died on the passage to England.

The German officers and crew were brought on to the Altmark's fore-cabin and the boarding party carried the wounded officers with them, re-embarking the Cossack. "Once more," the Cossack turned her bows towards the entrance and started for home.

## WESTERN FRONT

### NAZIS READY FOR ATTACKS?

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Great German activity on the right bank of the Moselle is reported by the correspondent of the "Obermoseler Zeitung" from Remich.

He declares that trains were never so numerous and long.

Columns of lorries, infantry and cavalry are visible, while munition and supply columns are reported to be moving day and night.

The Echternach correspondent of the same paper reports with all reserve that Marshal Goering and four Generals halted on Saturday at Echternach bridge, which leads across the Sauer River from Germany into Luxembourg.

## Busy Day For The King

Presents Awards, Tours Naval Yard

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen stood on the quayside at an East Coast port to-day and talked with five men who were rescued from Altmark.

Looking a little worse for their experience, the men laughed and joked about their imprisonment. His Majesty the King also visited a dockyard in the east of Scotland and decorated eight more naval heroes including Commander L. A. K. Boswell who received the D.S.O. and Lieut. Commander L. Sammeretz who was given the Distinguished Service Cross.

**For Gallantry**  
Details of the deeds done by the recipients of these honours were not announced but each award was given for gallantry.

Wearing the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, His Majesty the King afterwards boarded a warship and inspected an establishment where 500 apprentices are being trained as artificers. He also visited an aerodrome which is the training station for the Fleet Air Arm where he inspected a parade of Air Force officers and men, naval officers and the Women's Royal Naval Service.

## NAZI CANARD DENIED IN H.K.

An official denial of the statement made by the German radio on February 21 that 27 Chinese had their savings taken from them by the French authorities when they left Marseilles for China has been received by the French Consulate-General in Hongkong from Paris.

It was pointed out that no such incident occurred and since the start of the war as many as 27 Chinese have never left Marseilles together in one party. Chinese who have left have done so in small numbers at different times.

## AVIATRIX TO AID CHINA

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (UP).—Miss Le Ya-ching, the Chinese aviatrix to-day announced that she will leave New York on March 15 for a tour of sixteen South American countries, covering a total of 25,000 miles, on behalf of the Society for Medical Aid to China.

She is attending a luncheon given by the representatives of the Latin American consulates at Roosevelt Field on Tuesday.

## ITALO-FRENCH TRADE

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
ROME, Feb. 26 (UP).—It has been officially announced that a mixed Commercial Mission is meeting in Paris to-morrow to discuss trade relations between Italy and France.

## THREE TIMES ATTACKED

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The British trawler, Ferialian Empire, which came back to port yesterday morning, suffered no less than three attacks from Nazi planes.

The first attack took place as far back as January 12 when Nazi planes tried to bomb and machine-gun the ship.

Last Thursday, it was attacked once more and again on Saturday.

On this last occasion, three R.A.F. fighters came up and the Nazi plane disappeared so quickly that the trawler was unable to bring into action its new machine-gun.

## Japan And The Dutch E. I.

New Treaty Reported Contemplated

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Considerable interest is being displayed in an article in the London "Sunday Times" claiming that Japan is negotiating with the Netherlands for a new and comprehensive treaty which will not only define relations between the two countries but will also embody a clear-cut Japanese denunciation of territorial ambitions in the Netherlands East Indies.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office stated to-day that negotiations have not yet commenced, but admitted that there was possibility that they would open within a few weeks.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary report issued yesterday says:

Business on a most extensive scale has been reported to-day and is easily the record for a long period. At the close enquiries are still well in evidence, though in some instances a slight easing off is noticeable. This latter feature, however, can probably be attributed to some profit taking, having regard to the fact that generally there has been a substantial rise in prices during the past few days.

### Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,455  
Charter Ins. \$225  
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Lands \$39.74  
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Sundries \$11.74  
Telephones (New) \$11.00  
Cements \$10.80  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23.74  
Dairy Farms (New) \$22.74  
Watsons \$9.00

### Sellers

H.K. Bank \$1,480  
Hotels \$5.95  
Tramways \$18.74  
China Lights (Old) \$9  
Electricity \$7.00  
Telephones (Old) \$32.10  
Sales  
Union Ins. \$4.95  
Docks \$23.74  
Providents \$5  
Hotels \$3.80/5.00  
Lands \$39.74/40  
Realities \$5  
Tramways \$18.30/50.40  
Star Ferries \$6.00  
Yanumai Ferries \$28  
China Lights (Old) \$8.00  
Electricity \$6.00/6.00  
Macao \$21.74  
Telephones (Old) \$31.74/32.10  
Telephones (New) \$11.74/11.74  
Cements \$10.74/20.20  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$23.74/23.74  
Watsons \$9.00  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$100.74

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1890.  
In an interview with M. Pasteur, he was asked whether he considered "la grippe" (influenza) was occasioned by bacteria. The Professor smiled and said nothing. On being asked what he considered the best remedy for the malady, he remarked: "Let men and women both quit smoking tobacco and smoke camphor instead, and they will probably escape the pest."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1915.  
Writing in the "Public Ledger" (Philadelphia), John S. Steele says: "Will England be able eventually to starve Germany out? Probably the result of the war depends on the answer to this question. As much, and even more than on the leadership and the fighting qualities of the opposed armies. It is quite conceivable that from a military point of view the might and in a deadlock, and that both Germany and the Allies might be forced to an inconclusive peace because neither could defeat the other. If, however, England, with her command of the sea, can deprive Germany of her supplies of food and raw material, Germany will be forced to accept the Allies' terms or face economic ruin."

The London steamer Deptford was blown up off Scarborough yesterday and sank in twenty minutes. (By a curious coincidence the new Deptford, which was launched for the same owners in 1931 and was named after the 1916 victim, was sunk by a Nazi mine last month.—Ed.)

### 10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1930.  
The Hongkong Derby was won by the favourite, Diana Bay, in record time. The race was one of the most thrilling in recent years. Mr. Dunbar's pony, flashing past the post three lengths in front of Mr. Chan Tin-sen's Wisdom Stag with Eppurim third, two and a half lengths away.

The time recorded was 3 minutes 7 seconds, which beat the previous best for the distance by two-fifths of a second. (A new record was established this year by Mr. Miller's Satinlight which won the race in 2:50.4—Ed.)

British surrender of the lease of Weihaiwei and the rendition of the island to the Chinese Government is now yet to be definitely settled, but Dr. G. T. Wang's recent announcement on the subject seems accurate and there can be little doubt that a final agreement will shortly be reached.

It is revealed to-day that the horsepower of the Rolls Royce engine in the Supermarine 56, which won the Schneider Trophy and also the world speed record last September, is 1,000. That power is enormous for so small a machine.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1935.  
A communique has been issued by the Italian Government and addressed to Addis Ababa, capital of Abyssinia, which has so far been indifferent to the Italian war in Ethiopia. The direction of Rome, explaining that as a result of the new Fascist laws in Italy the country is capable of placing 8,000,000 men in the field.

Abyssinia, denying any mobilisation on her part, relies upon the League of Nations to keep the peace in Africa, and that the border dispute should be settled by arbitration.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office, commenting on criticisms from abroad concerning Japan's attempt to better her relations with China, categorically denied that Japan was attempting forcibly to persuade China to resign from the League of Nations, expel her foreign advisers and join a movement to form an East Asia bloc.

"When we hear reports of proposals abroad to mobilise the signatories of the Nippon Pact on the grounds that Japan is violating the treaty and also hampering the Open Door agreement, we cannot but suspect that the critics are actually desirous of disturbing the peace of East Asia," the spokesman declared.

His said East Asia was tranquil and Japan's relations with China were gradually and steadily improving.

## Finns Back-Stage War Effort

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Swedish Trade Union Congress has appealed to workers to help Finland by civilian work behind the lines, and several thousand workers have already volunteered while several hundred thousand people have decided to give Finland a day's wages every month.

The Government has asked Parliament to vote 1,000,000 kronor to enable Swedish hospitals to care for some thousand wounded, shortly arriving from Finland.

## What Nazis Call Warfare

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wireless).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that since the outbreak of war to February 22, there had been 128 cases of unarmoured British merchant ships and fishing vessels being attacked by enemy aircraft.

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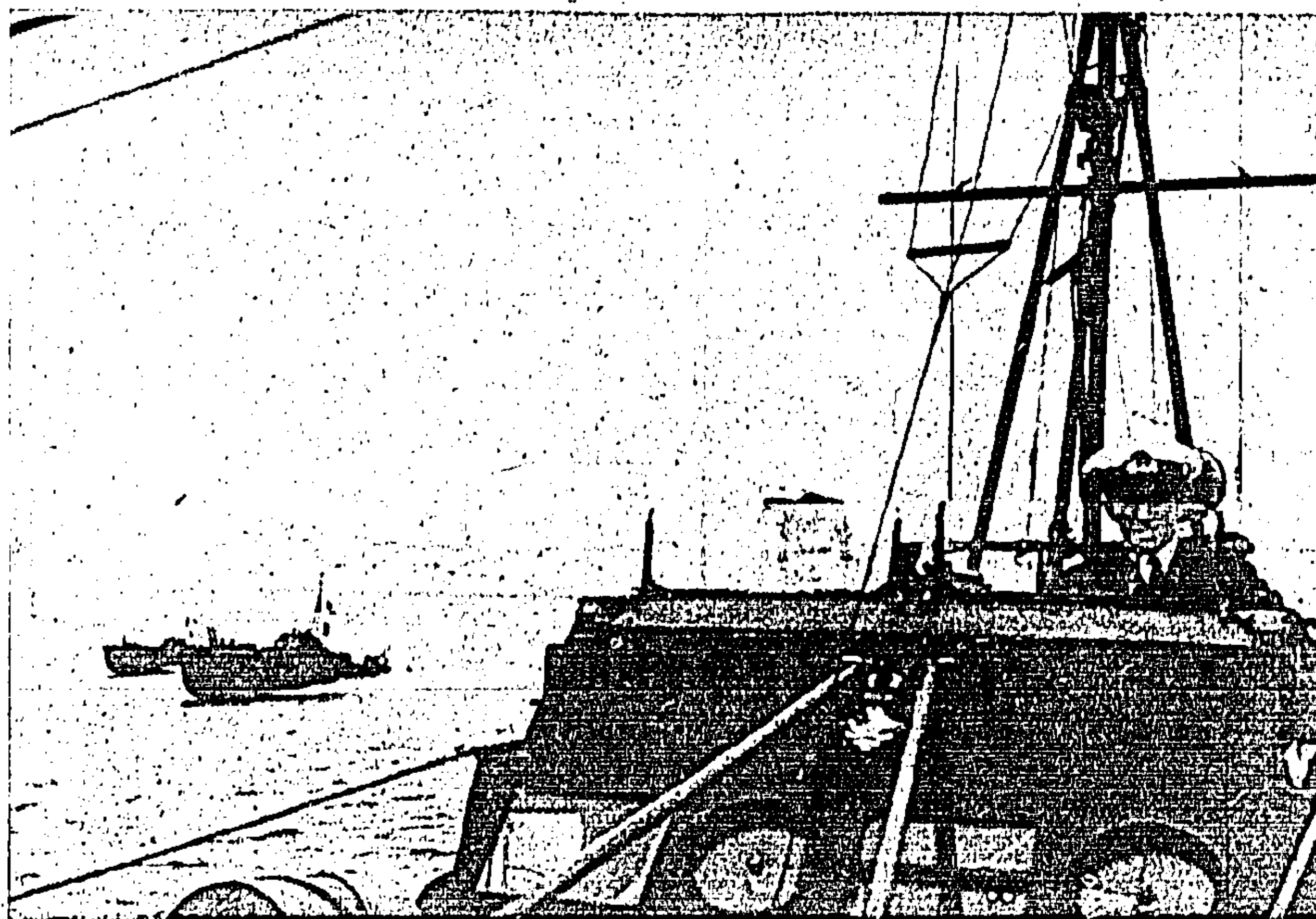
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## Mediation Moves Not Acceptable to Allies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 26 (UP).—The assertion that no mediation or peace offensive, whatever its patronage, could be made with any chance of success, was made by a semi-official French source to-day.

The speaker did not refer to the United States specifically, but it is noteworthy that the statement coincided with the inception of Mr. Sumner Welles' "exploratory" conversations in Rome.

Hence it is regarded in some circles as an indirect warning to the United States and also to the Scandinavian countries that the present moment is inopportune to suggest mediation.

The same statement criticised Sunday's communique by the Scandinavian Foreign Ministers, in which they expressed a desire to stop the war before heavy fighting started.

### Allies' Assurances

The French statement in reply says that the present fighting is "necessary for assuring the prosperity of humanity," and that there must be "prosperity, freedom and security for commerce."

"France and Britain will take care of that," added the statement. "Having assumed all responsibility for the conflict which has been imposed upon them, France and Britain intend to remain masters of their decision," concluded the statement.

### Welles' Delicate Job

ROME, Feb. 26 (UP).—It has been officially announced that Mr. Sumner Welles to-day delivered to Signor Mussolini a signed message from President Roosevelt during an hour's cordial conversation in the Venice Palace.

Mr. Welles entered the Palace at 4.53 p.m. and departed at 6 p.m. His departure passed unnoticed, the Venice Square being deserted, and only news cameramen were in evidence when he appeared.

Earlier, following a morning conference with Count Ciano, Mr. Welles decided to shorten his Rome visit and proceed directly to Berlin at midnight on Tuesday.

### Pleasant And Cordial

Mr. Welles was accompanied by the United States Ambassador during his 90 minute conference with Count Ciano which has been officially described as "pleasant and cordial." It marked the start of Mr. Welles' delicate job of investigating the state of the war outlook for peace.

Shortly after his visit to Count Ciano, Mr. Welles received a surprise and unofficial visit from the British Ambassador at the United States Embassy.

It was originally expected that Mr. Welles would remain in Rome for three or four days. However, it is believed that as a result of his talk with Count Ciano—who may have hinted what the conversation with Mussolini would be—Mr. Welles decided to go to Berlin as soon as possible, thinking to find a basis for his discussions with Hitler and Von Ribbentrop.

## LEGACY FOR CHAMPAGNE TOAST

LONDON, Jan. 11. Members and meetings of the "Reunion des Gastronomes" of the Franch Restaurant, Oxford Street, London, are the subject of legacies in the will of Mr. James A. Stanley of Jersey, Channel Islands. His bequests include "£10 each to the President of the Reunion for the purchase of Le Forrester champagne with which to drink the customary silent toast"; the superintendent usually in charge of the monthly supper arrangements and the clerk who usually deals with the Reunions mail. Mr. Stanley was formerly President of the Reunion.

## Nazi Raiders Over Paris

Met By Barrage Of A.A. Guns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 26 (UP).—Nazi air-raiders made their appearance over Paris for the first time in several weeks to-day.

Anti-aircraft guns immediately went into action, and heavy fire lasted for some time. The city was completely blacked-out except for the little-work of searchlight beams which lit the sky. No air raid alarm was sounded and no indication has been officially given whether raiders were sighted, or how many were involved.

## LATE NEWS

## AMAZING INCREASE IN H.K. TRADE

January Total Up By Over \$50,000,000

HONGKONG'S TRADE has made a sensational leap forward, according to official figures released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The combined value of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during January totalled \$131,000,000 (\$28,100,000).

This is \$50,800,000 more than the total trade in January last year and represents an increase of no less than 62.9 per cent, or 62 per cent, in terms of Sterling.

Both imports and exports have substantially increased.

Imports during January totalled \$60,700,000 (\$24,300,000) as compared with \$40,700,000 in January, 1939. Exports totalled \$61,900,000 (\$23,800,000) as compared with \$40,200,000 in the same period last year.

Imports increased by 71.3 per cent and exports by 54 per cent.

The figures for both imports and exports during January are a record for the Colony.

Japan, North China (including Manchuria) and the United States are principally responsible for the amazing increases.

Imports from the United Kingdom are practically identical with those in January, 1939. But imports from Japan increased from \$3,956,209 to \$25,127,097. Imports from Japan increased from \$1,781,225 to \$2,605,247; from French Indo China they increased from \$3,594,972 to \$8,399,063; from Macao they increased from \$2,044,704 to \$3,545,032 and from the U.S.A. they increased from \$4,134,311 to \$5,065,850.

Other countries which have substantially increased their exports to Hongkong are Australia, India, British Malaya, South Africa, Kwang-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said that he was convinced that the British and French Governments had \$1,000,000,000 (£250,000,000) in foreign exchange with which to pay the \$1,000,000,000 worth of aeroplanes contemplated in their purchasing programme over the next 18 months.

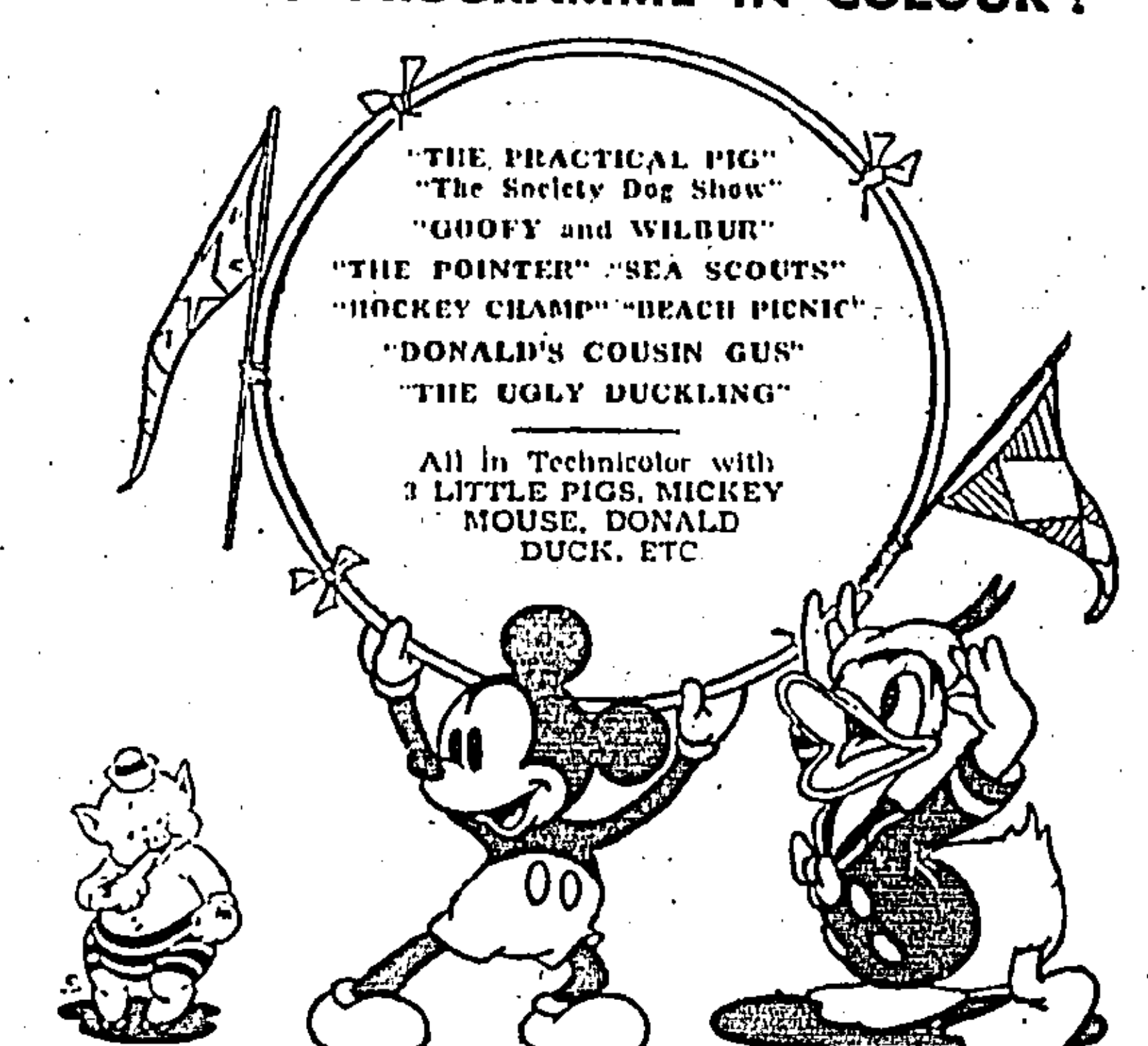
Mr. Morgenthau added that he thought that the prices being paid for military planes by foreign governments were reasonable when compared with the domestic prices.

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## MORE GUARDS TO PROTECT ROOSEVELT'S LIFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Owing to conditions in the United States arising out of the war in Europe, it has become necessary to increase the guards who protect the life of the President.

This revelation was made to-day by Mr. Frank J. Wilson, Chief of the Secret Service Division.

"It is absolutely essential to increase the Presidential guards immediately in order to protect the President and his family," Mr. Wilson declared.

"This decision has been reached after a thorough investigation of all the conditions involved." Congress is to be asked to provide \$500,000 for the purpose of hiring an additional 40 guards.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Preparations are being made by Chinese forces along all fronts with the view to launching a general counter-offensive during the coming spring, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

Troops are being detailed to various strategic points to hold themselves in readiness for a general offensive, the report states.

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